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## **ASSISTANCE FOR QUALIFIED FREE AND REDUCED MEALS RECIPIENTS**

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### **SECTION 1. BEN FRANKLIN ACADEMY**

#### **MISSION**

The mission of Ben Franklin Academy is to develop young adults with character like America's founding Renaissance man, Benjamin Franklin: well-read, scientifically curious, and civically engaged.

#### **VISION**

Our students will excel academically through a challenging, sequenced curriculum that emphasizes math, science, the arts, and literacy. We will be a data-driven institution, focusing on individual students. Our students, teachers, parents, staff, and leaders will be held accountable for the success of our school. Finally, we recognize that an education is incomplete without fostering social emotional development, character, sports, and nature.

#### **PURPOSE**

Ben Franklin Academy (BFA) is committed to the education and growth of each of its students independent of financial capacity. BFA is mindful that its students come from different backgrounds. Accordingly, BFA sets forth the following policy.

### **SECTION 2. FREE AND REDUCED MEALS**

The Douglas County School District (DCSD) has implemented a formal procedure to determine if a family qualifies for assistance within its Free and Reduced Meals program. For a BFA family to qualify for Free and Reduced Meals, they must follow the DCSD application guidelines and submit the DCSD approval letter to the BFA Business Manager to keep on file. Those families that qualify for Free and Reduced Meals and submit the DCSD approval letter to the BFA Business Manager will be considered "Qualified Families" for purposes of this policy.

### **SECTION 3. OTHER COSTS IMPACTED BY THE FREE AND REDUCED MEALS PROGRAM**

BFA recognizes that there may be a need to assist Qualified Families with other school-related expenses. Annually, if appropriate, the BFA Board of Directors (Board) will approve a total amount to be allocated for scholarship funds and/or waived fees. Each year, the Business Manager and Principal will prepare a written report, for review and comment by the Board, setting forth (1) a procedure for Qualified Families to apply to BFA for reduced student fees and other student expenses, (2) a list of student fees and other expenses eligible for reduction

to Qualified Families, and (3) the amount of reduction for each eligible student fee or expense. The written report shall comply with the approved annual amount allocated by the Board in the school budget for scholarships/fee waivers and, to the extent possible given any relevant budget limitations, accommodate the needs of Qualified Families. The Business Manager shall maintain records detailing the financial impact of reduced student fees and expenses extended to Qualified Families from year to year.

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