

Program Eligibility and Determination for Participation

1. Principals, guidance/school counselors, and all other PSB employees are prohibited from determining financial need outside the Superintendent's established process.
2. Families in the United States on an active Visa are not eligible for financial assistance.
 1. Non-immigrant Visa holders had to produce the I-864 Affidavit of Support form upon entering the U.S.A. "The purpose of the form is to show that you have the financial means to live in the United States without needing welfare or financial benefits from the U.S. government. The law requires that the sponsor demonstrate that he or she is able to assist you financially. The sponsor must show that he or she has an annual income of not less than 125 percent of the federal poverty level. The federal poverty guidelines are set once a year, and can be found on Form I-864P, Poverty Guidelines."
<https://www.uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-processes-and-procedures/public-charge>
3. Eligibility shall only be determined by the Office of Administration and Finance.
4. The Homeless Liaison shall maintain a list and provide an update as necessary to the School Business Administrator of all students who have been determined to qualify for services under McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (<http://www.clcm.org/McKinney-Vento.html>)
5. The Public Schools of Brookline School Committee has made the following determination for income eligibility for financial assistance: The Financial Assistance program shall use the US Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines and expand it by a multiplier to better match our community's income level and assist families that are above the Free and Reduced Lunch Guidelines with school fees that are assessed for a variety of activities.
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines>

Determination Status

Determination Status	Income Level over Poverty Guideline for Household Income	Households will pay
Approved for Free	<200%	\$0 program fee
McKinney-Vento Homeless Determination		\$0 program fee
Foster Care (individual only)		\$0 program fee
75% Reduction of Fee	201% - 300%	25% of the program fee
50% Reduction of Fee	301% - 350%	50% of the program fee

* % above HHS Poverty Guidelines