

Lovelady I.S.D. Policy for Handling Discrimination Complaints

Policy: The cafeteria will display the updated nondiscrimination poster in a prominent location for public viewing in the food serving area.

Procedures: The cafeteria Food Service Manager will:

1. Listen to parent complaints or concerns, try to answer any questions or concerns, and provide parents or guardians with a discrimination complaint form.
2. The completed form will be forwarded to the SFA Child Nutrition Director.

Procedures: The Child Nutrition Director will:

1. Forward the discrimination complaint form to the Food & Nutrition Division of the Texas Department of Agriculture at: Food & Nutrition Division P.O. Box 12847 Austin, Texas 78711
2. Texas Department of Agriculture will forward information to the USDA.

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