

Case Law.

Modul «Non-discrimination and equality of students in education»

BSPU. Minsk

At the State legislative level in the Code of the Republic of Belarus on Education (Article 40) defines preferential categories of children who feed at the expense of the Republican budget, according to established monetary norms.

I can give an example. In one of the schools in Minsk, the meals are provided after the third lesson for high school pupils. They go to the canteen together, but the children in the classroom are divided according to the payment criteria and have different menus. Pupils with payment it is always of high-quality and it consists of two dishes and a drink. Pupils without payment are served other dishes, mostly porridge, for example, with sausages. The teacher leads the children into the school canteen for dinner and loudly says: " Pupils without payment, your tables are set at the window, the rest of the children have to sit at the tables by the wall." Children who eat free are treated with silly, outrageous laughter and offensive remarks from classmates. Some children begin to cry, the others refuse to eat and run away to class.

The teacher of this class has high professional profile, confirmed by certification. But parents of children who eat for free are usually furious by this situation. The most humiliating in this situation is that parents consider the separation of children into "two camps", because of which conflict situations arise.

The headmaster explains the fact of incorrect behavior of teacher. The headmaster underlines "the teacher because of the aims to overstate and bully at others, she just did not think".

At the moment, several parents want to change school for children where they can pay for lunch not only with money but also with a school special e-ticket for all children who eat free of charge so that their classmates do not notice it.