

How and when to apply?

Applications can be made at **any time** during the school year — simply contact the school office for an application.

An application may not be needed at all, depending on what other public benefits a family receives. Also, applications are not needed for migrant, homeless and runaway children. Contact the school or the organization on the back of this pamphlet for more information.

Applications must be signed by the child's guardian and must include either a social security number or a check mark in the box marked "none" on the application. Not having a social security number will not affect whether a family qualifies and will be kept private.

Only one application is required each year, even if income changes. And one application is required for each family, not one for each child.

Once the application is returned to the school, the family should be contacted within 10 days.

If a family doesn't qualify now, they can apply again later if their income goes down during the year, or they start getting Food Stamps or other benefits, or family size increases.

For more information contact:

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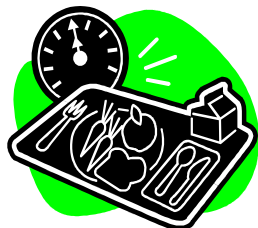
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**YOUR CHILD COULD BE
ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR
REDUCED PRICE
MEALS AT SCHOOL...**



**...Get the facts here
on a great program
that helps children
grow and learn.**

What are the school nutrition programs?



Every day schools offer healthy meals to students through the school nutrition programs.

The National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program are government funded meals programs.

All meals must meet good nutritional standards.

How does the program work?

- Meals are available to all students.
- Some children pay the advertised price, but low and moderate income children qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- The maximum charge for reduced price is 30 cents for breakfast and 40 cents for lunch.
- Children who qualify for free or reduced price meals are not publicly identified in any way.

Why eat school meals?

- Helps make family food budgets go further
- Healthy meals and snacks – from breakfast to afterschool
- Proven to help children achieve better in school

How does a child qualify?

There are **two** ways to qualify:

- 1) If a family currently receives Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or participates in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) the child is eligible for free school meals. Also, children who are migrant, homeless or runaway qualify for free meals.
- 2) If a household's total income is below certain amounts, a child can eat free or at a very reduced price. The school determines who qualifies based on a completed application.

The charts on the next page show the income limits for both free and reduced price meals.

Income Eligibility Guidelines

July 1, 2008—June 30, 2009

Household size	Free Meals		
	Maximum Family Income		
	Annual	Month	Week
1	\$ 13,520	1,127	260
2	\$ 18,200	1,517	350
3	\$ 22,880	1,907	440
4	\$ 27,560	2,297	530
5	\$ 32,240	2,687	620
6	\$ 36,920	3,077	710
7	\$ 41,600	3,467	800
8	\$ 46,280	3,857	890
For each add'l family member add	+ \$ 4,680	+ 390	+ 90

Household size	Reduced Price Meals		
	Maximum Family Income		
	Annual	Month	Week
1	\$ 19,240	1,604	370
2	\$ 25,900	2,159	499
3	\$ 32,560	2,714	627
4	\$ 39,220	3,269	755
5	\$ 45,880	3,824	883
6	\$ 52,540	4,379	1,011
7	\$ 59,200	4,934	1,139
8	\$ 65,860	5,489	1,267
For each add'l family member add	+ \$ 6,660	+ 555	+ 129