



# Apply for free or reduced-price meals today!

Thanks to nationwide waivers for federally funded meal programs, school meals were free to all students through the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, these waivers have expired, so schools must return to charging for breakfast and lunch and can only provide free or reduced-price meals to students who qualify for those benefits. Our priority is the health and well-being of all students, so they can succeed in the classroom and beyond. School meals are among the healthiest meals that children eat in a day and we encourage all students to participate. Families can qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on household income by submitting a meal application.

Check out answers to frequently asked questions about free or reduced-price school meals and the application process below and apply today!



## You can apply any time during the year.

Not ready to apply at the beginning of the year? Financial status changes mid-way through the semester? Not a problem. The application can be filled out at any point and students status will be updated after the application gets processed. It's never too late!



## The process is completely confidential.

You can trust that all of your information will remain confidential and only be used for determining eligibility for school meals. Once a student is approved for free or reduced-price meals, their status will also remain confidential so no student can be identified or singled out.



## You'll save time and money!

The application only take sa few minutes to complete and is completely free. If you qualify, your student could be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. No need to spend money on lunch boxes or time preparing bagged lunches!



## All students regardless of program status are offered the same nutritious meal options to choose from.

The price of the meal is the ONLY thing that is reduced, all students are offered the same nutritious meal options to choose from.

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