

Breakfast and Lunch Free for All Students for Now

Dear Families:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced on August 31 that it would extend the flexible free school meals program helping to keep millions of kids fed amid the Corona Virus Pandemic at least through the autumn. Some of the options granted over the summer, including flexibility to allow parents to pick up meals at any school, even without the children present, had been set to expire August 31.

The statement said the millions of families that rely on the program would be able to do so until as late as the end of the year, depending on how long the funding lasts.

Even though the meals will be free right now, we will need to be ready to charge for meals in January unless families have submitted a valid free/reduced income application. The October 31 free and reduced numbers are important to our school district in calculation of foundation aid, Title I allocations, e-rate for technology grants, other grants.

If you would normally submit an application for free or reduced meals, or if your income is down this year, please consider filling out the income application. We do not need any check stubs or tax forms at this time. We will contact 3% of the eligible families for that documentation in early October. Family income under the amounts in the chart would be eligible for reduced price meals, possibly even free:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Each Additional Person:
Yearly	\$23,606	\$31,894	\$40,182	\$48,470	\$56,758	\$65,046	\$73,334	\$81,622	\$8,288
Monthly	\$1,968	\$2,658	\$3,349	\$4,040	\$4,730	\$5,421	\$6,112	\$6,802	\$691
2x per Month	\$984	\$1329	\$1675	\$2020	\$2,365	\$2,711	\$3,056	\$3,401	\$346
Every 2 Weeks	\$908	\$1227	\$1546	\$1865	\$2,183	\$2,502	\$2,821	\$3,140	\$319
Weekly	\$454	\$614	\$773	\$933	\$1,092	\$1,251	\$1,411	\$1,570	\$160

If you have other questions or need help, please call Jody at 701-725-4334.

Sincerely,

Christopher Bachmeier, Superintendent