

SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The _____ School announced today that low cost, nutritious school lunches and/or breakfasts and/or milk are available to all children enrolled in the school. **For schools participating in the Seamless Summer Option (SSO), school meals will be offered free of charge to all enrolled students.** Additional benefits may be available for children living in households whose gross incomes are at or below those shown for their household size on the income scale below.

For schools who are not participating in SSO, meals, snacks and/or milk will be provided free or at a reduced price to children living in households whose gross incomes are at or below those shown for their household size on the income scale below. Applications for Free and Reduced Price School Meals are available to the households of all children enrolled in the school.

EFFECTIVE FROM JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022
(As announced by the United States Department of Agriculture)

HOUSE-HOLD SIZE	FREE MEALS OR MILK					HOUSE - HOLD SIZE	REDUCED PRICE MEALS				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly		Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	16,744	1,396	698	644	322	1	23,828	1,986	993	917	459
2	22,646	1,888	944	871	436	2	32,227	2,686	1,343	1,240	620
3	28,548	2,379	1,190	1,098	549	3	40,626	3,386	1,693	1,563	782
4	34,450	2,871	1,436	1,325	663	4	49,025	4,086	2,043	1,886	943
5	40,352	3,363	1,682	1,552	776	5	57,424	4,786	2,393	2,209	1,105
6	46,254	3,855	1,928	1,779	890	6	65,823	5,486	2,743	2,532	1,266
7	52,156	4,347	2,174	2,006	1,003	7	74,222	6,186	3,093	2,855	1,428
8	58,058	4,839	2,420	2,233	1,117	8	82,621	6,886	3,443	3,178	1,589
Each Additional Household Member	5,902	492	246	227	114	Each Additional Household Member	8,399	700	350	324	162

Application forms are available on the school's website and at your child's school. Applications can be submitted at any time during the school year. If a household member becomes unemployed or the household size or income changes during the school year, parents are encouraged to contact the school so that all children receive the proper benefits. For the school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information listed on the application: names of all household members; household income received by each household member; type of income; frequency of income such as weekly, every two weeks, twice a month or monthly; and the signature and last four digits of the social security number of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct. The information provided by parents on the application will be kept confidential and will be used only for determining eligibility.

Foster children, Head Start enrollees, homeless, migrant and runaway children, as defined in 7 CFR 245.2, are categorically eligible for free meals or free milk. Households receiving assistance under NJ SNAP or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for their children will be notified of their eligibility for free benefits unless the household notifies the school that it chooses to decline benefits. Households receiving assistance under NJ SNAP or TANF should only submit an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by a specified date determined by the school. Households with children that are certified participants in SNAP or TANF may submit school meal applications for their children using the abbreviated information as indicated on the school meal application and instructions. WIC participants may also be eligible for free and reduced Price meals. Parents/guardians should contact their child's school for more information.

The school will advise parents of their child's eligibility within 10 working days of receipt of the application. Any parent dissatisfied with the eligibility determination may contact the school to request an informal conference or may appeal the decision by requesting a formal hearing.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first) an individual child's free or reduced price eligibility status from the previous year will continue within the same LEA. In addition, when children move to a new LEA, either at the beginning of the new school year or during the summer months, the new LEA is encouraged to use the former LEA's eligibility determination from the previous school year and carryover the child's eligibility status. Once determinations are completed, school officials are required to verify three percent of the approved free and reduced price applications on file. For additional information, contact your child's school.

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The following school districts and charter schools participate in these programs:

Name of school district(s) participating in one or more of the School Nutrition Programs, such as the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Seamless Summer Option, After School Snack Program or Special Milk Program.
DISTRICT/CHARTER SCHOOL