



**PUBLIC RELEASE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

The following U.S. Department of Agriculture Programs are offered: National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following family size income criteria for determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals and will offer meals to students that qualify according to the standards below:

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
Effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FREE MEALS		
	ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	17,667	1,473	340
2	23,803	1,984	458
3	29,939	2,495	576
4	36,075	3,007	694
5	42,211	3,518	812
6	48,347	4,029	930
7	54,483	4,541	1,048
For each additional family member add:	6,136	512	118

REDUCED PRICE MEALS		
ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
25,142	2,096	484
33,874	2,823	652
42,606	3,551	820
51,338	4,279	988
60,070	5,006	1,156
68,802	5,734	1,324
77,534	6,462	1,492
8,732	728	168

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a cover letter informing them of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for enrolled children. Applications are available at each school cafeteria or each school front office. To apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits, households must complete an application and return it to the **School Cafeteria** for processing. Only one application per household is needed. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used to determine meal eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or program officials.

For school officials to determine eligibility, households must provide the following information listed on the application: the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member currently receives, where it came from, and how often income is received; the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number. If the adult signing the application does not have a social security number, check the "I do not have a social security number" box. For a child who is a member of a SNAP household or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) assistance unit, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the household need provide only the child's name, the SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number, and printed name and signature of an adult member on the application. An adult in the household with a case number may also qualify students also living in the household.

Public School Districts receive student data matched with the NMPED Department data and automatically qualify children receiving SNAP & TANF. All children living in the household and attending the school are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. SNAP, FDPIR and TANF households should complete an application.

Children certified as homeless by the school McKinney-Vento homeless liaison, designated as migrant by the school migrant coordinator may be eligible for free meals. Contact the front office if more information is needed.

Foster children, under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. An application must be submitted. The foster child may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children in the family. If you have questions about applying for foster children, contact the front office.

Children residing in households participating in Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced price meals and may complete a meal application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the determining official(s), as designated by APS Food and Nutrition Services, shall review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the eligibility ruling may discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents may also make a formal request for an appeal hearing of the decision and may do so orally by calling: Diane Vaughn or in writing by writing to: SABE, 4321 Fulcrum Way NE, Suite A, Rio Rancho, NM 87144.

The information provided by households is confidential.

Meal benefits from the previous school year apply for the first 30 school days of the new school year or until a new application is submitted whichever comes first. After this time, children must pay full price for meals.

You may apply for meal benefits if you become unemployed or your economic situation changes at any time during the school year.

Contact the front office if assistance is needed with application materials in different languages.

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