

SCHOOL YEAR 2011-2012 FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FAMILY APPLICATION – ONE APPLICATION PER HOUSEHOLD

PART 1. CHILDREN IN SCHOOL					
Names of all children in school (First, Middle Initial, Last)	Name of School	Grade	Student		Check if a foster child (legal responsibility of welfare agency or court)
			Income	How Often	
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
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					<input type="checkbox"/>

PART 2. BENEFITS
 If any member of your household receives Food Stamps or Temporary Assistance, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits and skip to part 5. If no one receives benefits go to part 3.

Name: _____ Case Number: 0 0 _____

PART 3. HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY
 If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway contact the school/district Homeless Liaison/Migrant Coordinator at [phone number of Homeless Liaison/Migrant Coordinator]

PART 4. TOTAL HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME—YOU MUST TELL US HOW MUCH AND HOW OFTEN

1. Name (List Everyone in Household Not Listed in Part 1) Please attach an additional page if needed.	2. Gross income and how often it was received								3. Check if NO income
	Earnings from work before deductions		Welfare, child support, alimony		Pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA Benefits		All Other Income		
	Income	How Often	Income	How often	Income	How often	Income	How often	
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PART 5. SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (ADULT MUST SIGN)
 An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the application must also list his or her last four digits of their Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement.)
 I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Sign here: X _____ Print name: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Last 4 digits of Social Security Number: *** - ** - _____ I do not have a Social Security Number

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

PART 6. CHILDREN'S RACIAL AND ETHNIC IDENTITIES (OPTIONAL)

Mark one or more racial identities: Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White American Indian or Alaska Native Other

Mark one ethnic identity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

DO NOT FILL OUT THIS SECTION. THIS IS FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY.

ANNUAL INCOME CONVERSION: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24, Monthly x 12 (Use Only if Multiple Income Frequency)
 Total Income: _____ Per: Week, Every 2 Weeks, Twice A Month, Month, Year Household Size: _____
 Food Stamps/Temporary Assistance
 Eligibility: Free Reduced Denied Reason: _____ Date Withdrawn: _____
 Temporarily: Free Reduced Temporarily Approved Until: _____ (allow no more than 45 calendar days) Until: _____
 Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date Approved/Denied: _____
 Confirming Official's Signature (For verification purposes only): _____ Date: _____
 Verification Complete Date: _____ Signature: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING

If your household gets FOOD STAMPS OR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List child(ren)'s name, school and grade.

Part 2: If any child or adult in the household is receiving Food Stamp or Temporary Assistance provide the name and case number. Food Stamp/Temporary Assistance number is a ten digit number and the first two digits currently are "00". A 16-digit Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card number is NOT acceptable. Currently an EBT number starts with 5076. If you do not know your Food Stamp or Temporary Assistance number, call your local Family Support Division, Social Services office.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

Part 6: Answer this question if you chose to.

If you are applying for a FOSTER CHILD or a household with a foster child(ren), follow these instructions:

Part 1: List the child's name, school, grade, personal use income received (write "0" if no personal use income) and check box. List all non-foster children in household, name of school, grade and income.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: If there are non-foster children in the household, follow directions in ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, Part 4.

Part 5: Sign the form. If filling out for only foster children, a Social Security Number is not necessary. If additional non-foster children are in the household, list last four digits of Social Security Number of the adult signing the form or mark the box if he or she does not have one.

Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List each child's name, school, grade and income if applicable.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.

Column 1–Name: List the first and last name of each person **not listed in Part 1**, living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) including yourself. Attach another sheet of paper if you need to.

Column 2 –Gross income last month and how often it was received. Next to each person's name list each type of income received last month, and how often it was received. For example, *Earnings from work:* List the **gross income** each person earned from work. This is not the same as take-home pay. **Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions.** The amount should be listed on your pay stub, or your boss can tell you. Next to the amount, write how often the person received it (weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly). List the amount each person got last month from welfare, child support, alimony; pensions, retirement, Social Security; and all other income in the appropriate categories. In the other income column, include Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and ANY OTHER INCOME. Report net income for self-owned business, farm, or rental income.

Next to the amount, write how often the person received it. If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative do not include this housing allowance. Exclude military combat pay received by service members during a deployment.

Column 3–Check if no income: If the person does not have any income, check the box.

Part 5: An adult household member must sign the form and list his or her last four digits of Social Security Number of the adult signing the form, or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.

Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

PUBLIC RELEASE

[Date]

[Local Education Agency] announced its revised free and reduced price policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Local education officials have adopted the following family-size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Household Size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$14,157	\$1,180	\$273	\$20,147	\$1,679	\$388
2	19,123	1,594	368	27,214	2,268	524
3	24,089	2,008	464	34,281	2,857	660
4	29,055	2,422	559	41,348	3,446	796
5	34,021	2,836	655	48,415	4,035	932
6	38,987	3,249	750	55,482	4,624	1,067
7	43,953	3,663	846	62,549	5,213	1,203
8	48,919	4,077	941	69,616	5,802	1,339
Each add'l member	+4,966	+414	+96	+7,067	+589	+136

Children from families whose current income is at or below those shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at the school office. To apply, fill out a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. A complete application is required as a condition of eligibility. A complete application includes: (1) household income from all sources or Food Stamp/Temporary Assistance case number, (2) names of all household members, and (3) the signature and last four digits of social security number of adult household member signing the application. School officials may verify current income at any time during the school year.

Foster children may be eligible regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for these benefits.

Under the provisions of the policy, the [Title of Determining Official] will review the applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the hearing official on an informal basis or he may make a request either orally or in writing to the [Title of Hearing Official].

Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the central office where any interested party may review it.

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

(Complete one form per family)

Please answer the question below by checking the appropriate box. The following information is a request adopted by the General Assembly in 2010 requiring school districts to determine whether or not all children in a family have health insurance.

Does each child in your family have health care insurance?

YES

NO

MO HealthNet (Medicaid) is considered health care insurance.

If NO is checked the school district will provide a MO HealthNet for Kids application for the family.

Completion of this form is not a condition of determining meal eligibility. Submission of your Free and Reduced Price Meals Family Application will be reviewed regardless of your response to this Request for Information.

Submit this request with your Free and Reduced Price School Meal Family Application or return to your school/school district.

Printed name of parent/guardian: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____