Public Release Free and Reduced-Price Lunch NSLP and Free Provision 2 Breakfast

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(Local School District) today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children unable to pay the full price for lunch meals served under the National School Lunch Program. Each school and the office of the Local School District has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party. The following schools are participating in the National School Lunch and Free Provision 2 Breakfast Programs:

School Name (add rows for additional schools)			
Highland Schools			

INCOME CHART (BEFORE DEDUCTIONS)

Effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

FREE PRICE MEALS

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly
-1-	\$20,345	\$1,696	\$848	\$783	\$392
-2-	\$27,495	\$2,292	\$1,146	\$1,058	\$529
-3-	\$34,645	\$2,888	\$1,444	\$1,333	\$667
-4-	\$41,795	\$3,483	\$1,742	\$1,608	\$804
-5-	\$48,945	\$4,079	\$2,040	\$1,883	\$1,079
-6-	\$56,095	\$4,675	\$2,338	\$2,158	\$1,049
-7-	\$63,245	\$5,271	\$2,636	\$2,433	\$1,217
-8-	\$70,395	\$5,867	\$2,934	\$2,708	\$1,354

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly
For each additional family member add	\$7,150	\$596	\$298	\$275	\$138

REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly
-1-	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$1,207	\$1,114	\$557
-2-	\$39,128	\$3,261	\$1,631	\$1,505	\$753
-3-	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$2,055	\$1,897	\$949
-4-	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$2,479	\$2,288	\$1,144
-5-	\$69,653	\$5,805	\$2,903	\$2,679	\$1,340
-6-	\$79,828	\$6,653	\$3,327	\$3,071	\$1,536
-7-	\$90,003	\$7,501	\$3,751	\$3,462	\$1,731
-8-	\$100,178	\$8,349	\$4,175	\$3,853	\$1,927
For each additional family member add	\$10,175	\$848	\$424	\$392	\$196

Application forms are available to all homes, along with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies of the form are available at each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

Households with any member who is receiving Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho (TAFI) or Food Distribution on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are only required to provide the recipient's name, their food stamp, TAFI or FDPIR case number, the student/s name and an adult signature.

For other applicants, the household must list the names of all household members, all household income with the amount, source and frequency of the income received by each household member. If a household member does not have income, the no income box must be checked. An adult signature is required along with the last 4 digits of the adult's social security number. The signature of the adult household member certifies that the information provided is correct.

You may include all foster children's names on a household application with other non-foster children. Foster children are eligible for school meal benefits. Foster children must be the legal responsibility of the welfare agency or the court.

Students who are homeless, runaway or migrant are also eligible for benefits. Household members do not have to be US citizens for students to qualify for benefits.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Under the provisions of free-and-reduced-price meal policy the Determining Official will review the applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official(s) may wish to discuss the decision with the Determining Official(s) on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to the Hearing Official for a hearing on the decision.

Determining Official(s)

Name, address, and telephone number of Hearing Official

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- 3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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