

NSLP/NSBP Free and Reduced Meal Application FAQ's

- Q: Do I need to submit a new application each school year?**
A: YES. For children who qualified for the program the previous year, a 30-day grace period is allowed when school starts (***this allows sufficient time to submit a new application***).
- Q: Is the entire school free for the first month?**
A: NO
- Q: Do Foster children automatically qualify for free meals?**
A: YES- if the school is aware that they are foster children.
- Q: What is the NSLP/NSBP definition of Foster?**
A: Any child whose care and placement is the responsibility of the TX Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS), or COURT ordered placement.
- Q: Do Pre K students automatically qualify for free meals?**
A: NO. For SY 2020-21 Pre-K students will receive eligibility based on income.
- Q: I have a child in the school that qualifies for the free/reduced meal program. This child has a sibling beginning Kindergarten. Does the Kindergarten student automatically qualify for the same eligibility status?**
A: YES. The 30-day grace period will also apply to the new students of a family that ended the previous year with free/reduced meal benefits (***a new application must still be received with the 30-day grace period for the benefits to continue***). PLEASE notify Wanda Armstrong, Director, of family's New ENROLLEE as soon as possible.
- Q: If I have multiple children in the district, do I have to complete an application for each child?**
A: NO. Each family only needs to complete one meal application per household.
- Q: My household was denied benefits for the free/reduced meal program. If my job situation or income changes, may I reapply?**
A: YES. If at any time during the school year the parent/child income information changes, you are encouraged to submit a new application.
- Q: What are the benefits of completing a free/reduced meal application?**
A: The District receives much of its other State/Federal funding based on the # of Free/Reduced students. Approval for these benefits it kept confidential.
This program provides healthy meals at an affordable free or reduced price for growing families. If you qualify for free/reduced meals, your child/children **may** qualify for other programs such as eyeglass/dental programs, higher education testing waivers and dual credit classes for high school students. Please take a moment to complete and return the application ASAP!
- Q: Are there special lunch lines for free/reduced students?**
A: NO. All students are served from the same line at the same time and are in **NO WAY** identifiable as free/reduced.

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