

School Year 2007-2008 Letter to Households About the Child Nutrition Program

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child's school offers nutritious meals every school day. These meals prepare children to learn and do their best at school. The meals available and the prices charged are as follows.

		Elementary		Middle School or Jr. High School		High School	
		Full Price	Reduced Price	Full Price	Reduced Price	Full Price	Reduced Price
<input type="checkbox"/>	National School Lunch Program	2.00	.40	2.25	.40	2.25	.40
<input type="checkbox"/>	School Breakfast Program	1.15	.30	1.30	.30	1.30	.30

1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?

No. Complete one application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to:

Determining Official: Food Services Office

Address: 110 McDonald Drive Phone: (785) 832-5000

2. Who can receive free meals?

Your child can get free meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines. Also, free meals are available to most foster children and to children in households receiving benefits from Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance to Families (TAF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

3. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals?

If you have not been informed that your child will get free meals, please call the person named below to see if the child qualifies.

Homeless Liaison or Migrant Coordinator: Ellen Willets

Phone: (785) 832-5000

4. I got a letter saying my children are approved for free meals for this school year. Should I fill out an application?

Please carefully read the letter you got and follow the instructions. Call the school at the number listed above if you have questions.

5. Who can receive reduced price meals?

Your child can receive low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Chart on the reverse side of this letter.

6. I receive WIC (Women, Infants and Children) benefits. Can my child get free meals?

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for reduced price or free meals. Please fill out an application.

7. Will the information I give be checked?

Yes, we may ask you to send written proof of the information you give.

8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?

You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps, TAF or other benefits. If you lose your job, your child may be able to get reduced price or free meals.

9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?

You should talk to a school official. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to:

Hearing Official: Katharine Johnson, Division Director of Finance

Address: 110 McDonald Drive Phone: (785) 832-5000

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10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?

You or your child do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify your child to receive reduced price or free meals.

11. Who should I include as members of my household?

Include yourself, all children who live with you and all other people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

12. What if my income is not always the same?

List the amount that you normally receive BEFORE taxes or anything else is taken out. For example, if you normally receive \$1,000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1,000 per month. If you are normally paid for overtime, include it.

13. We are in the military; do we include our housing allowance as income?

If your housing is part of the Military Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other housing allowances must be included in your gross income.

Children eligible for reduced price or free Child Nutrition Program benefits may also qualify for HealthWave, a program that provides health insurance for children at little or no cost. For more information, visit the HealthWave website (www.kansashealthwave.org) or call 1-800-792-4884, Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 7 PM or Saturday from 8 AM to 5 PM. People with hearing impairments may call TTY 1-800-792-4292.

If you have other questions or need help, call: (785) 832-5000.

Sincerely,

Paula A. Murrish
Director of Food Services

FEDERAL INCOME CHART

Effective from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Household Size	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$18,889	\$1,575	\$ 364
2	25,327	2,111	488
3	31,765	2,648	611
4	38,203	3,184	735
5	44,641	3,721	859
6	51,079	4,257	983
7	57,517	4,794	1,107
8	63,955	5,330	1,230
9	70,393	5,867	1,354
10	76,831	6,404	1,478
11	83,269	6,941	1,602
12	89,707	7,478	1,726
For each additional household member add	+6,438	+537	+124

Nondiscrimination 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 Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.