



Free and reduced meals available to children whose families qualify

Free and reduced price meals for children will be served in Lancaster County schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program to children in families eligible under the household size and income criteria below.

Household Size & Income Guidelines for Free or Reduced Price Meals Effective July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

| Household | Annual | Monthly | Twice per Month | Bi-Weekly | Weekly |
|--|----------|---------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| 1 | \$21,590 | 1,800 | 900 | 831 | 416 |
| 2 | 29,101 | 2,426 | 1,213 | 1,120 | 560 |
| 3 | 36,612 | 3,051 | 1,526 | 1,409 | 705 |
| 4 | 44,123 | 3,677 | 1,839 | 1,698 | 849 |
| 5 | 51,634 | 4,303 | 2,152 | 1,986 | 993 |
| 6 | 59,145 | 4,929 | 2,465 | 2,275 | 1138 |
| 7 | 66,656 | 5,555 | 2,778 | 2,564 | 1282 |
| 8 | 74,167 | 6,181 | 3,091 | 2,853 | 1,427 |
| For each additional family member | | | | | |
| | +7,511 | +626 | +313 | +289 | +145 |

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

For school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the information below on the application:

1. – A food stamp or TANF case number certifying the household is eligible for either of these assistance programs and an adult household member signature

or

2. – names of all household members,
 - the name and social security number of the adult household member signing the application form,
 - monthly income by source for each household member and
 - a signature of an adult household member certifying the information provided is correct.

Foster children may also be eligible for these benefits regardless of household income.

If a household has foster children living with them and the household has not previously been notified by the school district that their foster children have been directly certified for free meals, the household may either include and count the foster children (including personal income earned by the foster children) on the household application form with other non-foster children or complete a separate application form with the names of the foster children.

Food services director Angela D. McCrorey will review applications and determine eligibility using the provisions of the policy.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with McCrorey's ruling may wish to discuss the decision with her on an informal basis.

Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request a hearing to appeal the decision. The request may be made either orally or in writing to Planning and Accounting Executive Director Lydia Quinn, 300 South Catawba Street, Lancaster, SC 29720. The hearing procedures are outlined in the policy.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes, the household should contact the school to file a new application.

Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for free or reduced price meals if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above.

A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in superintendent Gene Moore's office where any interested party may review it.

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