

Meridian School District

Free and Reduced Meal Program | 2018-19

Are you interested
in Free or
Reduced-Priced
meals for your
Student(s)?



Yes, I would like school meal benefits for my students!

REDUCED-PRICE	FREE
Lunch: K – 3 Grade: \$0.00	\$0.00
Lunch: 4 – 12 Grade: \$0.40	\$0.00
Breakfast: All Grades: \$0.00	\$0.00

Turn in the Application:

- Only one application is needed per family.
- If you qualified last year, you will still need to re-apply!
- There is a short-term carryover of student eligibility every fall into the new school year, but don't wait too long to re-apply!
- You can turn in your application into the school building. You may also mail the application.
- Turning in an application does not mean you are automatically approved. A family will be notified by mail with the outcome. Until officially approved by the child nutrition office the family is responsible for any student food purchases accrued.
- If you recently transferred to our district please re-apply or call our office.
- You can apply or re-apply at any time during the school year!

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How do we get approved?

Fill out a 2018-19 Free & Reduced Application:

1 + = **Free or Reduced Eligible**

Household Count and Total Income:

A family is approved based on their household size and total income level. There is a federal income chart that better describes the household count and income thresholds.

2 = **Free Eligible** -OR-

Federal Program Case #: By including a family member's case # for any qualified federal assistance program (i.e. TANF, FDPIR, BASIC FOOD).

3 FOSTER = **Free Eligible** -OR-

Foster Child: By applying for any foster child that is under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court.

4 Some students become eligible for **FREE MEALS** through a process called **Direct Certification:**

Children on TANF or Basic Food may get free meals without the household having to complete an application. These children are identified by the school using a data matching process. This matched list is then made available to your child's school food service staff. The students on this list get free meals. **We will always notify the household if their student(s) qualify based on this process.**

If you think your student should qualify or have questions, please call our Nutrition Office at 360-318-2267