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Free and Reduced-Price Meals

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Press Release

Grapevine-Colleyville ISD announced its policy today for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the attached current income eligibility guidelines. Each school/site or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by anyone on request.

Application forms are available to all households online at www.school lunchapp.com. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households **must fill out the application** and submit it online. If assistance is needed, please call Nutrition Services at 817.251.5617. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

Criteria for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits

The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits:

Income

1. Total household income that is at or below the Federal income eligibility levels.

Categorical or Automatic Eligibility

2. Households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Program Participant

3. Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster should register with the GCISD District Liaison, Robin Davis, 817.305.4783 or robin.davis@gcisd.net
4. Child's enrollment in Pre-K, Head Start or Even Start

Income Eligibility

For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must fill out free and reduced-price meal application online at www.school lunchapp.com. Applicants will need to provide the following information:

1. Names of all household members
2. Amount, frequency, and source of current income for each household member



3. Last 4 digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or, if the adult does not have a social security number, check the box for “*I do not have a Social Security number*”
4. Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct

Categorical or Program Eligibility

Grapevine-Colleyville ISD is working with local agencies to identify all children who are categorically and program eligible. The Nutrition Services Office will notify the households of these children that they do not need to complete an application. Any household that does not receive a letter and feels it should have can contact *Nutrition Services at 817-251-5617*.

Any household that wishes to decline benefits should contact Nutrition Services at 817-251-5617

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Determining Eligibility

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the Nutrition Services Office will review applications and determine eligibility. Households or guardians dissatisfied with the Reviewing Official’s eligibility determination may wish to discuss the decision with the Reviewing Official on an informal basis. Households wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Paula Barbaroux, Chief Operations Officer, 3051 Ira E. Woods Avenue, Grapevine, TX 76051, 817-251-5560.

Unexpected Circumstances

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household’s income falls at or below the attached current income eligibility guidelines.



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Chart | Income Eligibility (IEGs)
May 8, 2018

Income Eligibility Guidelines for Determining Free and Reduced Price Benefits

Effective from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Family Size	Annually		Monthly		Twice per Month		Every Two Weeks		Weekly	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$15,782	\$22,459	\$1,316	\$1,872	\$658	\$936	\$607	\$864	\$304	\$432
2	\$21,398	\$30,451	\$1,784	\$2,538	\$892	\$1,269	\$823	\$1,172	\$412	\$586
3	\$27,014	\$38,443	\$2,252	\$3,204	\$1,126	\$1,602	\$1,039	\$1,479	\$520	\$740
4	\$32,630	\$46,435	\$2,720	\$3,870	\$1,360	\$1,935	\$1,255	\$1,786	\$628	\$893
5	\$38,246	\$54,427	\$3,188	\$4,536	\$1,594	\$2,268	\$1,471	\$2,094	\$736	\$1,047
6	\$43,862	\$62,419	\$3,656	\$5,202	\$1,828	\$2,601	\$1,687	\$2,401	\$844	\$1,201
7	\$49,478	\$70,411	\$4,124	\$5,868	\$2,062	\$2,934	\$1,903	\$2,709	\$952	\$1,355
8	\$55,094	\$78,403	\$4,592	\$6,534	\$2,296	\$3,267	\$2,119	\$3,016	\$1,060	\$1,508
9	\$60,710	\$86,365	\$5,060	\$7,200	\$2,530	\$3,600	\$2,335	\$3,324	\$1,168	\$1,662
10	\$66,326	\$94,387	\$5,528	\$7,866	\$2,764	\$3,933	\$2,551	\$3,632	\$1,276	\$1,816
11	\$71,942	\$102,379	\$5,996	\$8,532	\$2,998	\$4,266	\$2,767	\$3,940	\$1,384	\$1,970
12	\$77,558	\$110,371	\$6,464	\$9,198	\$3,232	\$4,599	\$2,983	\$4,248	\$1,492	\$2,124
<i>For each additional family member add:</i>										
	+\$5,616	+\$7,992	+\$468	+\$666	+\$234	+\$333	+\$216	+\$308	+\$108	+\$154

These guidelines are based on 130% (free) and 185% (reduced) of the federal poverty guidelines.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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