

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **North Boone CUSD 200** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$ N/A lunch costs \$ 3.00. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$ N/A for breakfast and \$ 3.00 for lunch. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, use the Household Eligibility Application, which is enclosed. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to Janice Burmeister [jburmeister@nbcusd.org](mailto:jburmeister@nbcusd.org)

Your child(ren) may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

**Income Eligibility Guidelines  
Effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024**

Household Size	Reduced-Price Meals (185% Federal Poverty Guidelines)				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519
2	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702
3	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885
4	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068
5	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251
6	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434
7	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616
8	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799
For each additional family member, add	9,509	793	397	366	183

- DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Household Eligibility Application* for all students in your household per district. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to the school.
- WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS? All children in households receiving benefits from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and/or are foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant also qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please contact your school to see if your child(ren) qualifies.
- WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown above.
- A MEMBER OF MY HOUSEHOLD RECEIVED SNAP OR TANF BENEFITS. THE SCHOOL SENT A LETTER STATING THAT MY CHILD IS AUTOMATICALLY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION. DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING MORE TO ENSURE THAT MY CHILD RECIEVES FREE MEALS? No. You do not need to do anything more to receive free meals for your child. If you have students not listed on the letter, contact the school immediately. If you do not wish to receive the free meals, you should follow the steps outlined in the letter from the school to notify school personnel immediately.
- HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please contact your school.
- MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out the enclosed application.
- WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof.
- IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to the person listed above.

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Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income is at or below what appears in this table.

**Pautas de elegibilidad de ingresos vigentes desde el 1 de julio 2023 hasta el 30 de junio de 2024**  
**Comidas a precio reducido (Pauta federal de pobreza del 185%)**

Miembros de la familia	Annual	Mensual	Dos veces por mes	Quincenal	Semanal
1	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519
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- WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS? All children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and/or foster children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster agency or court are eligible for free meals, regardless of your income. In addition, your children can receive free meals if your gross household income falls within the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant children are also eligible for free meals. If you have not been informed that your children will receive free meals, contact your school to find out if they qualify.
- WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children can receive low-cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits shown in the Federal Eligibility Income Table, shown above.
- A MEMBER OF MY HOUSEHOLD RECEIVED SNAP OR TANF BENEFITS. THE SCHOOL SENT A LETTER STATING THAT MY CHILD IS AUTOMATICALLY APPROVED TO RECEIVE FREE MEALS BY DIRECT CERTIFICATION. DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING ELSE TO MAKE SURE MY CHILD GETS FREE MEALS? No. You don't need to do anything else to get free meals for your child. If you have students who are not included in the letter, contact the school immediately. If you do not wish to receive the free meals, you must follow the steps outlined in the school letter to notify school staff immediately.
- HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do your household members lack a permanent address? Is your **family living** in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing? Does your family move seasonally? Have any of the children living with you decided to leave their previous family or home? If you believe there are children in your household who meet these requirements and you have not been told that your children will receive free meals, contact your school.
- MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO COMPLETE A NEW APPLICATION? Yes. Your child's application is only valid for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must submit a new application, unless the school has told you that your child qualifies for the new school year.
- WIC RECEIPT. CAN MY CHILD GET FREE MEALS? Children in homes that participate in WIC may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Please complete the **attached** application.
- WILL THE INFORMATION I PROVIDE BE VERIFIED? Yes. We may also ask you to submit written proof.
- IF I AM NOT ELIGIBLE AT THIS TIME, CAN I APPLY LATER? Yes, you can apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income falls below the income limit.
- WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ON MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You can also request a hearing by calling or writing the person listed above.
- CAN I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD DOES NOT HAVE U.S. CITIZENSHIP? Yes. You **OF** your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price **meals**.
- WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You should include everyone living in your household, whether family members or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends), who share income and expenses. You and all children living in your home should be included. If you live **with people who are** financially independent (for example, people you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a prorated share of expenses), do not include them.
- WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? Record the amount you normally receive. For example, if you normally earn \$1000 per month, but missed work last month and only earned \$900, note that you earned \$1000 per month. If you normally receive overtime income, include it, but don't include it if you only work overtime on occasion. If you

