

Dear Families,

As we begin the new school year, we want to remind everyone about the importance of applying for the Free and Reduced Price Meal program. This program provides more than just affordable school meals – it offers a wide range of benefits for both your family and our school community.

Great news! The New Jersey Expanded Income Guidelines (NJEIE) has expanded eligibility requirements to qualify more children for FREE SCHOOL MEALS through the **“Working Class Families Anti-Hunger Act”**. The income limits have increased, making it easier for families to qualify.

New Jersey Expanded Income Guidelines (NJEIE)

New Jersey participants qualify for meals at no charge if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart and above the limits on the Federal Reduced Price Meal chart.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
- 1 -	33,735	2,812	1,406	1,298	649
- 2 -	45,786	3,816	1,908	1,761	881
- 3 -	57,837	4,820	2,410	2,225	1,113
- 4 -	69,888	5,824	2,912	2,688	1,344
- 5 -	81,940	6,829	3,415	3,152	1,576
- 6 -	93,991	7,833	3,917	3,616	1,808
- 7 -	106,042	8,837	4,419	4,079	2,040
- 8 -	118,093	9,842	4,921	4,543	2,272
Each add'l household member	12,052	1,005	503	464	232

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 weeks x 26, Twice a month x 24, and Monthly x 12

- ✓ Applications are confidential and do not require a Social Security number.
- ✓ There is no citizenship requirement — for you or your child — in order to be eligible, and participation has no bearing on public charge.
- ✓ Only one application is needed per family; if you have more than one child attending a school in our district, you only need to submit one application for all children.
- ✓ Applications can be submitted at any time during the school year
- ✓ Families also can submit a new application if there is a change in the household, such as a parent loses a job or has their work hours cut. A new application must be submitted each school year.

Funding for our schools is tied to the number of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. By applying, you help our school secure the resources needed to provide a well-rounded education, including academic programs, technology, and support services.

It is important for all families to please submit an application or return this form opting out of the application process. This helps us accurately determine our school's eligibility for funding.

Name: _____

_____ No, I do not want to apply for the National School Lunch Program.