

## Meal Program Frequently Asked Questions

### Who may receive free or reduced-price meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from CalFresh, FDPIR, or CalWORKS. Some children who receive Medi-Cal.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant. Please call the Nutrition Services Department (916) 971-7035.
- Children whose household falls at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.

**How much do reduced-priced meals cost?** The reduced-price rate is \$0.30 cents for breakfast and \$0.40 cents for lunch.

**Do I need to complete an application for each child?** No.

**Should I complete an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are already approved for free or reduced-price meals?** No.

**My child's application was approved last year.**

**Do I need to complete one this year?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for one school year and through the first 30 days of the next school year. Include the last four digits of your Social Security Number on the application.

**I get WIC. Can my children get free meals?**

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

**Will the information I give be checked?** Yes.

**If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes, apply if your income drops below the income limit.

**May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. All school-aged children in income-eligible households can receive school meal benefits regardless of the immigration status of household members, which will not be used for immigration-related purposes.

**What if I disagree with the district's decision about my application?** You can call or write: Monique Stovall, San Juan Unified School District, Attn: Nutrition Services, 3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608; (916) 971-7026.

**Who do I contact if I have more questions?** Visit or call Nutrition Services at: 3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608; (916) 971-7035.