

## **The Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch**

The following are the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The Department's guidelines for free meals and milk and reduced price meals were obtained by multiplying the year 2023 Federal income poverty guidelines by 1.30 and 1.85, respectively, and by rounding the result upward to the next whole dollar.

This notice displays only the annual Federal poverty guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services because the monthly and weekly Federal poverty guidelines are not used to determine the Income Eligibility Guidelines. The chart details the free and reduced price eligibility criteria for monthly income, income received twice monthly (24 payments per year); income received every two weeks (26 payments per year) and weekly income.

Income calculations are made based on the following formulas: monthly income is calculated by dividing the annual income by 12; twice monthly income is computed by dividing annual income by 24; income received every two weeks is calculated by dividing annual income by 26; and weekly income is computed by dividing annual income by 52. All numbers are rounded upward to the next whole dollar. The numbers reflected in this notice for a family of four in the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the territories represent an increase of 8.1% over last year's level for a family of the same size.

## 2023-2024 PUBLIC MEDIA RELEASE

Global Renewable Energy Education Network School District today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

### Household Size and Income Guidelines for Free Meals or Reduced-Price Meals Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

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Household size	REDUCED PRICE MEALS – 185%					FREE MEALS – 130%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1.....	26973	2,248	1124	1038	519	18954	1580	790	729	365
2.....	36482	3041	1521	1404	702	25636	2137	1069	986	493
3.....	45991	3833	1917	1769	885	32318	2694	1347	1243	622
4.....	55500	4625	2313	2135	1068	39000	3250	1625	1500	750
5.....	65009	5418	2709	2501	1251	45682	3807	1904	1757	879
6.....	74518	6210	3105	2867	1434	52364	4364	2182	2014	1007
7.....	84027	7003	3502	3232	1616	59046	4921	2461	2271	1136
8.....	93536	7795	3898	3598	1799	65728	5478	2739	2528	1264
<b>For each additional family member, add</b>	<b>9509</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>6682</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>129</b>

**Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.**

For school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information on the application: (1) A SNAP or TANF case number certifying the household is currently eligible for either of these assistance programs and an adult household member signature or (2) names of all household members, the name and last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member signing the application form, current income by source for each household member and a signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Foster children may also be eligible for these benefits regardless of household income. If a household has foster children living with them and the household has not previously been notified by the School District that their foster children have been directly certified for free meals, the household should include and count the foster children (including personal income earned by the foster children) on the household application form with other non-foster children.

Under the provisions of the policy Tommy Barnett will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the reviewing official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewer on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to Tom Cronin whose address is: 8150 Warren H Abernathy Hwy, Spartanburg Sc, 29301 for a hearing to appeal the decision. The hearing procedures are outlined in the policy.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes, the household should contact the school to file a meal application. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the office of the District Superintendent where any interested party may review it.

**This release was sent to the following newspapers: : Greenville News, Greenville Journal, GSA Business, Spartanburg Herald-Journal, The New Irmo News, The Post and Courier**

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