

## Free & Reduced Price Meal Information



The Free & Reduced Price meal program is confidential, easy, and can help both your budget and your child's school.

The Madison County Schools Child Nutrition Program accepts free and reduced meal applications throughout the school year. Students approved for free or reduced priced meals may eat breakfast and lunch free or at a reduced cost.

### **A new application must be filled out every year.**

Forms are provided to every child on the first day of school. Additionally, applications are available year-round at all district and school offices, as well as in cafeterias.

Return only **ONE** application per family. It is best to return the application to your youngest child's school.

### **Grace period for returning students:**

Students will receive meals based on their previous year's eligibility for the first 30 days of the school year. To ensure continued eligibility, please submit and have your application processed by September 12, 2024. If an application is not received and processed by this date, your child's meal status will default to full pay.

Eligibility for free and reduced price meal is not retroactive, school meals must be paid for until the free and reduced application is approved.

**Incomplete, illegible, or incorrect applications** cannot be processed. Therefore, student(s) on the application will have to pay full price for meals.

**How do you apply?** You can fill out a paper form or apply online at **[www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com)**



**The program is confidential.** Children receiving free or reduced price meals are not identified to other students or adults.



**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ELIGIBILITY OR THE ELIGIBILITY PROCESS, PLEASE CALL US AT 601-499-0754**

### **YOUR CHILD MAY BE ELIGIBLE**

The Free and Reduced Priced Meal Program is available to assist families during times of financial hardship. The program is confidential, easy and good for both your budget and your child's school.

Your children may qualify at least for **reduced-price** school meals if your household income falls within the limits of the chart on the next page.

<b>FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART for SY 2024-2025</b>			
<i>Scale for <b>REDUCED</b> Price Meals</i>			
Household Size	YEARLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	\$27,861	\$2,322	\$536
2	37,814	3,152	728
3	47,767	3,981	919
4	57,720	4,810	1110
5	67,673	5,640	1302
6	77,626	6,469	1,493
7	87,579	7,299	1,685
8	97,532	8,128	1,876
Each additional person:	+ 9,953	+ 830	+ 192

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U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

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(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

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