



HEADS UP!

SCHOOL MEALS ARE NO LONGER FREE-FOR-ALL

Beginning in school year 2022-2023, schools can no longer offer free meals for every student, as they have for the past two years because of the pandemic.

Meal benefit applications are ONCE AGAIN necessary and important.

If your child is not approved for free school meals, you must add money to your school meal account to buy any meals, food or beverage items.

Information on your school meal application:

- ✓ may qualify your child for free or reduced-price lunch and other educational discounts, *which benefits your child!*
- ✓ helps your child's school get important state and federal education funding, *which also benefits your child!*

Did you know?

68% of K-12 public/charter school students in RI get free or reduced-price school meals

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER:

YOUR FAMILY MAY BE ELIGIBLE

Many families do not apply for free or reduced-price school meals because they do not think they are eligible.

DON'T GUESS - FILL OUT AN APPLICATION!

You do not have to be below the poverty line to qualify.

You can get help for your family budget and food for your child! Fill out an application to see if you qualify.

Apply Now

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APPLICATIONS CAN BE FILLED OUT IN MINUTES

The application may look scary, but it does not ask for a lot of information and can be filled out in 10 minutes. **NEED HELP?** This [VIDEO](#) provides step-by-step help. Or see below to contact your school.



APPLICATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

Information is **NOT SHARED** with teachers, school staff, other students or other agencies. Free and reduced-price school meals are available for all who qualify, citizens and non-citizens. PIN pads assure privacy in the cafeteria.



LOTS OF HEALTHY MEAL CHOICES

Healthy school breakfast and lunch choices are the same for all students, whether full-priced, reduced-price, or free.



ONE APPLICATION COVERS EVERY CHILD IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

Only **ONE** application is needed for your family no matter how many kids live with you. A completed application must be submitted **each school year** to continue to receive free or reduced-price meals.



Meal prices for
school year
2022-2023:

BREAKFAST		LUNCH	
Full pay	Reduced-pay	Full Pay	Reduced-pay
\$	\$	\$	\$

HAVE QUESTIONS? NEED HELP?

Click for
VIDEO
with step-by-step
instructions for filling
out the paper
application

or scan code:

