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## Strategies for Collecting Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications: Leveraging outreach and promotion

August 18, 2022



# Agenda

- Housekeeping
- Intros
- Speakers
- School Meals Application Outreach Toolkit
- Q&A



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## Introductions

**Moderator:** Summer Kriegshauser, Senior Program Manager, No Kid Hungry

**Speakers:**

- **Scott Richardson**, Director of Nutrition, Dawson County Schools, Dawsonville, GA
- **Andrea Kruse**, Child Nutrition Director, Brandon Valley School District, Brandon, SD
- **Dawn Pully**, Food Service Director, Bendle Public Schools, Burton, MI

**Dawson County School**

**Nutrition Dawsonville, Georgia**



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News!**



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Counting down the days to the first day of school! If you haven't already, please complete a free & reduced application at the website listed below.

## 5 REASONS FOR COMPLETING **Free & Reduced Applications** ONE MEAL APPLICATION AFFECTS MANY AREAS!



**1**  
INCREASED  
FUNDING TO  
SUPPORT  
STUDENT EDUCATION



**2**  
ADDITIONAL  
FUNDING FOR  
TECHNOLOGY AND  
INTERNET ACCESS



**3**  
DISCOUNTS FOR FEES  
ASSOCIATED WITH  
COLLEGE APPLICATION  
PROCESSES



**4**  
DISCOUNTED FEES FOR  
SAT, ACT & AP TESTS.  
SCHOLARSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES



**5**  
FREE OR REDUCED  
MEAL PRICES FOR  
HEALTHY, NUTRITIOUS  
STUDENT MEALS

**Contact your child's school for details today**

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We are three weeks away from the first day of school! Parents, if you haven't already, please submit your Free & Reduced Meal Application. Visit <https://www.daw...> See more



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All Dawson County Schools have been able to offer breakfast and lunch at no charge to all students during the last two school years during the COVID-19 pandemic. This was made possible thanks to the generous support of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, reimbursing schools for meals served to students, regardless of their income through waivers. These waivers expired on the last day of school, Friday, May 27th, returning the system to Free/Paid/Reduced Status.

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There's still time to complete an application for free & reduced meals!  
Parents, visit

[https://www.dawsoncountyschools.org/.../free\\_reduced\\_meal...](https://www.dawsoncountyschools.org/.../free_reduced_meal...) or use your phone's camera to access the QR code below. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.

**FREE & REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS**

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**USE YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA TO ACCESS THE APPLICATIONS!**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOUND ONLINE (2022 – 2023 School Year)**

[https://www.dawsoncountyschools.org/departments/school\\_nutrition/free\\_reduced\\_meal\\_application](https://www.dawsoncountyschools.org/departments/school_nutrition/free_reduced_meal_application)  
Free/Reduced Meal Application

**INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE ENCONTRADA EN LÍNEA (2022 – 2023 año escolar)**

[https://www.dawsoncountyschools.org/departments/school\\_nutrition/free\\_reduced\\_meal\\_application](https://www.dawsoncountyschools.org/departments/school_nutrition/free_reduced_meal_application)  
Envíe una solicitud para comidas gratis o a precio reducido

Para recibir una copia impresa de esto, comuníquese con la oficina principal de su escuela.

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## FREE/REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION

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**5 REASONS FOR COMPLETING  
Free & Reduced Applications**  
ONE MEAL APPLICATION AFFECTS MANY AREAS!

- 1** INCREASED FUNDING TO SUPPORT STUDENT EDUCATION (Icon: Money bag)
- 2** ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET ACCESS (Icon: Computer monitor with globe)
- 3** DISCOUNTS FOR FEES ASSOCIATED WITH COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESSES (Icon: Graduation cap)
- 4** DISCOUNTED FEES FOR SAT, ACT & AP TESTS, SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (Icon: Open book)
- 5** FREE OR REDUCED MEAL PRICES FOR HEALTHY, NUTRITIOUS STUDENT MEALS (Icon: Tray with food)

**Contact your child's school for details today**

### OUR FREE/REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS ARE NOW ONLINE!

You can apply on-line for free or reduced cost meals for the 2022-2023 school year at the link below after July 1, 2022:

[Meal Application \(English\)](#)

[Solicitud de Comida \(Español\)](#)

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# Strategies for Collecting Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications



Andrea Kruse, MS, RDN, LN  
Child Nutrition Director, Brandon Valley School District



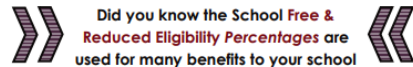


# Ideas?

- Family Communication: E-mail Messaging / Portal
- Administrative Support
- Robo Calls
- Share the importance
- Back-to-School Nights
- Open H-buses

## Free and Reduced Price Applications More Than Just the Meal!

Each individual household application is held in strict confidence and is used only for granting free and reduced price meal benefits to eligible families.



**Did you know the School Free & Reduced Eligibility Percentages are used for many benefits to your school**

**If you think your family or household may qualify, please submit an application. Contact your school with any questions!**

For each free and reduced price lunch served, your school receives about \$3.00 of federal money and 30 cents for each paid lunch served.

**Did you also know that schools with high free and reduced price participation are eligible for so much more!**

- Technology Discounts for phones and internet through E-Rate
- Teacher loan forgiveness is available
- Title 1 rank order for funding distribution to school sites is based on higher free & reduced rates

**Many more U.S. Department of Agriculture Programs are available to schools with a higher free & reduced rate. Programs include:**

- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Snack Program
- Afterschool Snacks at no charge to students
- Afterschool Supper Program with free supper meals given to students at no charge
- Summer Food Service Program with free children meals all summer long
- A special Provision that allows a school to offer all students meals free of charge
- Grants from the USDA that allow your school to purchase equipment with grant funding

South Dakota  
Department of  
Education

Child and  
Adult Nutrition  
Services

MacKay Building  
800 Governors Drive  
Pierre, SD 57501-2235  
Phone: 605-773-3413  
Fax: 605-773-6846  
Email:  
DOE.Schoollunch@st  
ate.sd.us

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As July is well underway, please take note of the following updates from the Child Nutrition Services Department.

**Meal Prices:** This year, Brandon Valley School District will return to paid meals for all students. Meal prices for the 2022-23 school year are shown below and included in the "BV CNS Meal Pricing Information" document which is attached to this email. Also included in this attachment is the district's unpaid meal charge policy.

**Payment Options:** With the return to paid meals, the Child Nutrition Department is accepting payment to student foodservice accounts throughout the summer and payments can be made in several ways. Please see the attached "BV CNS Payment Options" document or visit the Child Nutrition Services website for additional instructions.

**Free and Reduced Applications:** Applications for the 2022-23 school year will be open July 18th for you to complete. If you believe your family meets the income eligibility criteria to qualify for this benefit, please complete the application. Applications are available through Family Access on Skyward. Instructions for completing these applications are included in the attachment "Free and Reduced Application Information" and can be found on the Child Nutrition Services webpage under "Free and Reduced". *Please note: Free and Reduced Applications for school meals are based on income eligibility. This process does not guarantee free meals for students.*

The Child Nutrition department has the great pleasure of feeding students every day, and our staff takes great pride in offering nutritious meals to fuel learning. We look forward to another great year!

Please feel free to contact our office at any time regarding the Child Nutrition Program.

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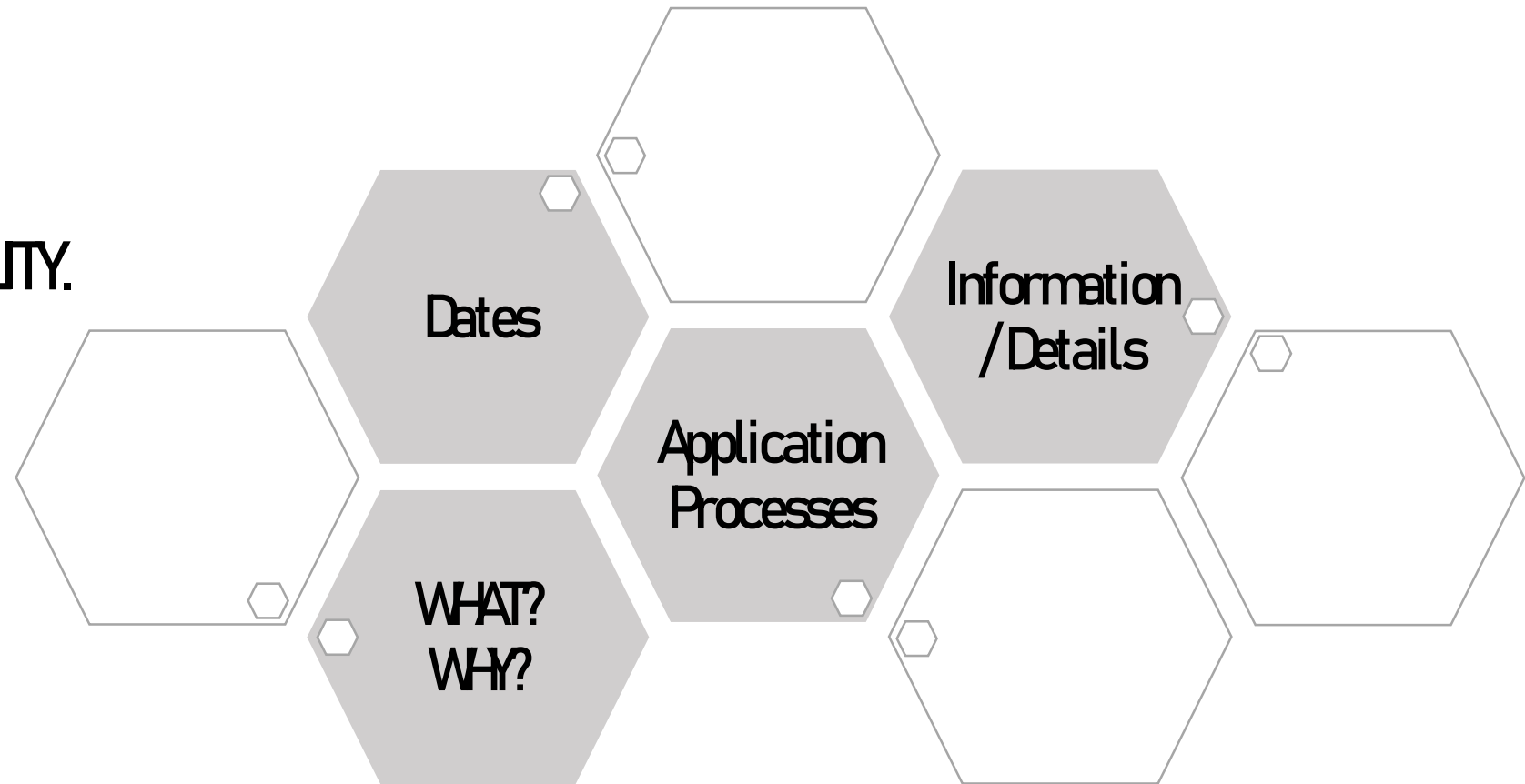
## FREE & REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION - OPEN

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications for the 2022-23 school year are open and available for submission. If a family believes they meet the income eligibility criteria to qualify for this benefit, they must complete the application online. [Applications are available through Family Access on Skyward.](#) Please note, Free and Reduced Applications for school meals are based on income eligibility. The Free and Reduced Application must be completed to determine eligibility for free school meals.

[For additional information, review the Brandon Valley Child Nutrition Services website.](#)

# ■ ■ ■ Tips for Effective Messaging

- Be **CONSISTENT**.
- Be **CONCISE**
- Be **CLEAR**
- Encourage **ACCOUNTABILITY**.



# Make it EASY.



**CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES**  
Brandon Valley School District 49-2  
2001 South Sioux Boulevard, Brandon, SD 57005-1705  
(605) 582-3926

- Electronic applications
- Written tutorials
- Video tutorial
- Utilize your website / QR Code
- Translated materials

### Completing Free/Reduced Application via Family Access Skyward Account

1. Log into Family Access from any Brandon Valley building website. If you do not have a Family Access account, OR do not know your login information, contact your student's building secretary or the Brandon Valley Administration Center. Contact information for all building included below.

Brandon Valley Administration Center	582-2049
Brandon Elementary School	582-6315
Valley Springs Elementary School	757-6285
Robert Bennis Elementary School	582-8010
Fred Assam Elementary School	582-1500
Inspiration Elementary School	582-8590
Brandon Valley Intermediate School	582-6035
Brandon Valley Middle School	582-3214
Brandon Valley High School	582-3211

Free and Reduced Meal Application Information/Tutorial - Click [Here](#).

Check out this video to help you complete your application! - Click [Here](#)

Parent Packet and Frequently Asked Questions - Click [Here](#).

YouTube Search

Brandon Valley Schools

brandonvalley.k12.sd.us/district/home.htm

Home of the LYNX

Brandon Valley School District

300 S. Spittrock, Brandon, SD 57005 Phone: 605-582-2049 Fax: 582-7456

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"Our business is the creation of learning environments that result in success."

**BVSVD COVID-19 Website**

Brandon Valley School District is one of the most progressive districts in South Dakota located on the eastern edge of South Dakota, bordering Minnesota and Iowa. Brandon Valley is the 4th largest school district in South Dakota and consists of six schools:

Brandon Valley High School	9-12
Brandon Valley Middle School	7-8
Brandon Valley Intermediate School	5-6
Brandon Elementary	K-4
Fred Assam Elementary	K-4
Inspiration Elementary	K-4
Robert Bennis Elementary	K-4
Valley Springs Elementary	K-4
Distance Learning Academy	K-12

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 Thank you!



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Brandon Valley Child Nutrition Website



## Alternative Income Forms

Alternative income forms are:

- Completed by families in replacement of free and reduced-price meal applications when a school/district utilizes the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).\*\*
- Not used to certify students for free or reduced-priced meals but are instead used for programs and funding sources that previously relied on meal application data for other purposes (e.g., assessing a school's poverty level for technology funding or college application discounts).
- Often simpler to complete when compared to meal applications.

\*\*19 states require schools that elect CEP to collect alternative income forms. States that require collection of alternative income forms include: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin.

[Alternative Income Forms: Understanding What They Are, Why They're Important, & How They're Collected](#)



# BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CEP SCHOOL

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# CEP AND HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION REPORT QUESTIONS

- CEP- COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION, is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low income areas.
- HIR'S AND WHY DO THEM
- HOW TO GET EVERYONE ELSE INVOLVED
- WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS AFTER COLLECTING THEM
- HOW OFTEN TO RUN REPORTS

Learn more about CEP at  
[Bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/cep](https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/cep)



## THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP)

### What is CEP?

CEP is a federal reimbursement option for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. It was permanently authorized nationwide by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

#### Key Features

- Schools that elect CEP serve meals to all students at no cost to them.
- CEP eliminates the need to claim meal reimbursements according to student eligibility status.
- Participating schools receive per-meal funding based on a formula that uses data from other public benefit programs.

### How Does CEP Work?

**Eligibility** - A school is eligible for CEP if at least 40 percent of enrolled students participate in certain public benefit programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or are identified as being automatically eligible for free school meals, such as children experiencing homelessness. This percentage – known as the identified student percentage or ISP – is determined largely through a data matching process called direct certification, which schools are required to do for other purposes. Schools can operate under CEP for four years before redetermining their eligibility.

**Funding** – The ISP is multiplied by 1.6 to approximate the total percentage of students eligible for free school meals had applications been collected. Schools are reimbursed at the highest level, the “free” rate, for that percentage of meals served and receive the lower “paid” rate for the remaining meals. For example, a school with a 62.5 percent ISP would receive the free rate for 100 percent of meals served, while a 55 percent ISP would receive the free rate for 88 percent of meals served and the paid rate for the other 12 percent of meals served.

**Election** - A district could elect CEP for a single eligible school, multiple eligible schools, or the entire district. The district may also group schools together to optimize the ISP across schools. The grouping can include schools with an individual ISP below 40 percent as long as the group’s ISP is at least 40 percent.

### Why CEP?

#### Benefits for Students & Families

- Promotes equity by ensuring all children have equal access to nutritious meals, like they do for desks and textbooks.
- Removes the requirement to complete an application to receive free or reduced-price school meals, (Household Information Reports do need to be collected in CEP schools for state reporting purposes)
- Eliminates out-of-pocket meal costs for all families, benefiting families struggling to make ends meet but just above the cut-off for free and reduced-price meals.
- Reduces stigma around school meals.
- Improves student attendance and test scores, and reduces disciplinary referrals across all grade levels.

#### Benefits for Schools & School Districts

- Eliminates school meal debt – no more alternative meals, debt collecting or negative press.
- Can generate revenue for school nutrition budgets.
- Makes it easier to serve meals in the classroom.
- Does **not** negatively impact the amount of federal Title I education funds a district receives.

Learn more about CEP at [bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/cep](https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/cep)



# SCHOOL-WIDE EFFORT

- MAY/JUNE FIND NEW FORM ON STATE SITE
- FILL IN EACH SCHOOL INFO, PRINT AND GET TO SECRETARIES BEFORE END OF CURRENT YEAR
- SECRETARIES MAKE WELCOME PACKETS FOR RETURNING AND NEW STUDENTS
- EACH BUILDING HAS THEIR OWN COLOR AS WELL AS NEW STUDENTS

# BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR

- MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL HAVE OPEN HOUSES BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS
- THEY REQUIRE PAPERWORK TURNED IN BEFORE SCHEDULE HANDOUT
- THIS ALMOST ALWAYS GUARANTEES 100% TURN IN
- SMALL DISTRICT MEANS EVERYTHING DONE ON PAPER

# BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR CONTINUED

- ELEMENTARIES- 2 BUILDINGS
- THESE ARE NOT COLLECTED UNTIL SCHOOL STARTS
- DON'T ALWAYS GET FIRST TIME AROUND (Sent in child's backpack means extra work sometimes)
- PARENT COORDINATORS WORK WITH SECRETARIES TO REACH 100% TURN IN RATE

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HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION REPORT SY 2022 - 2023

To determine eligibility for various additional state and federal program benefits that your school may qualify for, please complete, sign and return this report to **SOUTH AUSTIN SCHOOLS**.

These sections must be completed by the head of household or designee.

**PART A: STUDENT INFORMATION** - Complete for each student Pre-K through 12th Grade.

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Grade Level	School	Identify if Homeless (H), Migrant (M), Runaway or Foster Child (F)

If you need additional lines, attach a second sheet to this report or attach a copy of this report clearly marked as a Page 2.

**PART B: BENEFITS RECEIVED** - If any member of your household receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDIIR, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits. Bridge Card Numbers and Medical Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART C: SIZE OF FAMILY** - Enter the total number of individuals living in your household, including all adults and children. \_\_\_\_\_

**PART D: TOTAL MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME** - Report income for all members of household excluding Foster Children. If you have reported a case number above, you do not need to fill in this section. Simply sign and date form.

Type of Income	Income	Circle #
1. Gross Monthly Earnings: Wages, Salary, Commissions	\$	None
2. Monthly Welfare Payments, Child Support, Alimony	\$	None
3. Monthly Payments from Pensions, Retirement, Social Security	\$	None
4. Monthly Dividends or Interest on Savings	\$	None
5. Monthly Worker's Compensation, Unemployment, Strike Benefits	\$	None
6. Other Monthly Income (SSI, VA, Disability, Farm, other)	\$	None
<b>Total Monthly Household Income (Add lines 1-6)</b> \$		

**PART E: SIGNATURE** - I certify (promise) that all information on this report is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get immediate funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (Printed Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip)

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Work Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email Address)

**DO NOT fill out this section. This is for school use only.**  
Date: F \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_\_ Determining Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION REPORT**

This report is used to determine eligibility for state benefits for which your child(ren)'s school may qualify. Please complete, sign, and return this form to your child's school.

If any member of your household receives benefits from the Food assistance program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDIIR please follow these instructions:

Part A: Student Information - For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if Homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part B: Benefits Received: If any household member, including adults, receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), provide the name and case number. Bridge Card Numbers and Medical Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Part C: Size of Family - Enter the total number of individuals living in a household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

Part D: Total Monthly Household Income - Skip this part.

Part E: Certification - Sign the form. Print your name and date.

If your household does not receive benefits from the Food assistance program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDIIR please follow these instructions:

Part A: Student Information - For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if Homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part B: Benefits Received: Skip this part.

Part C: Size of Family - Enter the total number of individuals living in your household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

Part D: Total Monthly Household Income - Enter monthly income for all household member each type of income that applies. The amount should be before any deductions for taxes, insurance, medical expenses, child support, etc. If you have no income for a category, circle NONE. Add lines through 1 through 6 and enter the Total Monthly Household Income.

Part E: Certification - Sign the form. Print your name, date, and contact information.

# SEPARATE BY BUILDINGS

- HIGH SCHOOL- GREEN
- MIDDLE SCHOOL- BLUE
- WEST- PINK
- SOUTH- YELLOW
- NEW STUDENTS- GOLDEN ROD

(New students always done first, since they do not have a grace period)





# AFTER APPS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED

- JUST LIKE A LUNCH APP, THE DISTRICT TRIES TO GET THEM DONE IN 30 SCHOOL DAYS
- DIRECT CERTIFICATION IS DONE AT LEAST 1X A MONTH (More in the beginning of school year)
- I THEN RUN AN UNDETERMINED BENEFITS REPORT

# AFTER APPS CONTINUED

- THIS REPORT SHOWS STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED WITH NO “APP” ON FILE
- I THEN SEND IT TO EACH BUILDING SECRETARY AND THE PARENT COORDINATORS- Who then work to collect list from their building. Pictured was ran on 8-9-22, (we have not started school so it lists all students)

High School	File #	ID Number	Name	Grade	Teacher
	364	995185	[REDACTED]	10th	
	1007	992882	[REDACTED]	10th	
	1	994458	[REDACTED]	11th	
	365	994552	[REDACTED]	10th	
	366	993777	[REDACTED]	9th	
	631	11446	[REDACTED]	10th	
	992	7346	[REDACTED]	11th	
	368	993794	[REDACTED]	9th	
	4	994198	[REDACTED]	11th	
	5	994200	[REDACTED]	11th	
	930	993803	[REDACTED]	9th	
	1032	995817	[REDACTED]	11th	
	7	995622	[REDACTED]	11th	
	1008	995156	[REDACTED]	10th	
	997	9669	[REDACTED]	11th	
	998	10658	[REDACTED]	10th	
	998	10683	[REDACTED]	11th	
	389	10341	[REDACTED]	10th	
	10	994378	[REDACTED]	11th	
	370	993769	[REDACTED]	9th	
	871	995179	[REDACTED]	10th	
	11	11469	[REDACTED]	11th	
	857	994678	[REDACTED]	9th	
	856	993895	[REDACTED]	9th	
	13	995240	[REDACTED]	11th	
	859	994149	[REDACTED]	9th	
	16	995445	[REDACTED]	11th	
	17	994569	[REDACTED]	11th	
	371	994308	[REDACTED]	10th	
	873	9279	[REDACTED]	10th	
	372	992890	[REDACTED]	10th	
	373	993791	[REDACTED]	9th	
	375	9265	[REDACTED]	10th	
	860	993860	[REDACTED]	9th	
	860	993861	[REDACTED]	9th	
	999	5539	[REDACTED]	11th	
	23	995141	[REDACTED]	11th	
	24	995551	[REDACTED]	11th	
	26	6706	[REDACTED]	11th	
	1000	995295	[REDACTED]	11th	
	378	9658	[REDACTED]	9th	
	379	9657	[REDACTED]	10th	
	381	993704	[REDACTED]	10th	
	383	9885	[REDACTED]	10th	
	386	994413	[REDACTED]	10th	

# WHAT HIR'S HELP- STUDENTS

- COLLEGE APPLICATION FEES (FREE LUNCH =FEES WAIVED)
- WE STILL HAVE TO PROVE THEY ARE FREE- We do have people denied, it just doesn't affect their meal prices

Bendle Public Schools  
3420 Columbine Ave  
Burton, MI 48529

1021021  
Application #910

Dear Parent or Guardian  
(810) 591-2148

General Questions

To the Parent or Guardian

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your application has been reviewed and the results are as follows:

	Benefit	Breakfast	Lunch	Snack	Milk
	Free	Free	Free	N/A	Free

For general questions, please contact Dawn Pully, 3420 Columbine Ave, Burton, MI 48529, (810) 591-2148. If you wish to review this decision further, you have the right to a fair hearing. This can be arranged by contacting Superintendent John Kozlewski, 3420 Columbine Ave, Burton MI 48529, (810) 591-2307.

Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, and employees, and individuals participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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Application #910

Dear Parent or Guardian  
(810) 591-2148

General Questions

To the Parent or Guardian

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your application has been reviewed and the results are as follows:

	Benefit	Breakfast	Lunch	Snack	Milk
	Reduced	Free	Free	NA	\$0.00

For general questions, please contact Dawn Pully, 3420 Columbine Ave, Burton, MI 48529, (810) 591-2148. If you wish to review this decision further, you have the right to a fair hearing. This can be arranged by contacting Superintendent John Kozlewski, 3420 Columbine Ave, Burton MI 48529, (810) 591-2307.

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# WHAT HIR'S HELP- DISTRICT

- TITLE I FUNDING- School buildings receive money based on highest poverty rate
- TITLE I TUTORS
- PARENT COORDINATORS- In 3 buildings
- SUPPLIES FOR ACTIVITIES/ PROGRAMS- Strengthening Families
- TECHNOLOGY- Chromebooks/Smart boards in classrooms
- TITLE II - Professional Development for Staff
- TITLE IV - Academic Enrichment



# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



What School Nutrition Staff Need to Know About

## Title I Education Funding

### What is Title I Funding?

- This federal education funding is allocated to states "to provide all children significant opportunity to receive a **fair, equitable, and high-quality education**, and to close educational achievement gaps." ([Elementary & Secondary Education Act, ESEA, Section 1001](#))
- Each year, states distribute about **\$15 billion** in Title I funding to school districts. Funding can be used to support extra instruction, materials, afterschool/summer programming, etc.
- The amount of Title I funding that each state or school district receives is based on the **US census poverty data** for school-age children and is **not** based on free and reduced-price school meal data.

### ★ Universal Free School Meals & Title 1 Funding ★

- Serving healthy school meals to all students at no cost with the **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**, or other similar options, **does not** impact the amount of Title 1 funding that a state or school district receives.
- Free and reduced-price school meal data is **not used** to determine how much Title 1 funding each school district receives.

### How do Schools Receive Title I Funding?

- The **federal government** allocates Title I education funds to states based on US census child poverty data and the cost of education in each state. **States** give Title I funds to **school districts** using formulas that are also based on US census child poverty data.
- School districts** distribute their funding to individual schools based on school poverty levels. Using one or more of the allowable poverty measures (see options on next page), the school district **ranks** schools to determine Title I eligibility.

### What are the Options for Measuring School Poverty and Ranking Schools?

- The number of students eligible for free and reduced-price school meals is the most commonly used option for measuring school poverty and ranking individual schools for Title I funding.
- However, the federal government allows school districts to use one or more of several other poverty measures, including data sources that already exist and that tend to be more accurate and reliable. The number of students eligible for **Medicaid** and the count of **identified students** are two of these options.
- Additional options include census data, alternative household income forms, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) participation data. All options are detailed on the next page.



## School Level Poverty Measurement Options for Within-District Distribution of Title I Funding

School districts distribute their Title I funding to individual schools based on school poverty levels. Using one, or a combination of two or more of these allowable poverty measures (below), the school district ranks their schools. This ranking determines each school's eligibility to receive Title I funds. For additional information, please see [www2.ed.gov/documents/essa-act-of-1965.pdf](http://www2.ed.gov/documents/essa-act-of-1965.pdf).

### ☐ Identified Students ★ Promising Practice ★

Identified students are directly certified for free or reduced-price meals by the direct certification data matching process between student rosters and enrollment in means-tested programs. Identified students include those in households with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and in some states, Medicaid. In addition, students identified as experiencing homelessness, in foster care, migrant, in Head Start, or runaway are also included. Advantages of using this data to distribute Title I funding to schools include that **this data is reliable, verified, and already available to schools**.

### ☐ Students Eligible for Medicaid ★ Promising Practice ★

Medicaid is the public health insurance program for people in low-income households. Including Medicaid data in school poverty measurements is recommended for several reasons, including that the data is **reliable, verified, and already available**. Medicaid enrollment also includes millions of additional children, including income-eligible students that do not meet the more restrictive citizenship requirements for SNAP.

### ☐ Census Poverty Data

The number of school-age children, ages 5-17, that are living in households below the federal poverty level, as counted in the most recent US census.

### ☐ School Meal Application Data - Not Recommended -

Districts can use data collected on free and reduced-price school meal applications and/or an alternative household income form to identify students eligible for free meals (below 130% of the federal poverty level) or reduced-price (between 130-185% of the federal poverty level) meals. (Source: SP54-2016, question 77, <https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/cn/SP54-2016os.pdf>). While this is the most commonly used option, collecting and processing school meal applications is costly and time-intensive. An additional disadvantage of using school meal application data to allocate education funding includes that applications collect self-reported income data, and since forms are optional, not all eligible students are counted.

### ☐ Students Receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The TANF program provides cash assistance for families with children.

### ☐ Secondary Schools Only: Poverty Data in Feeder Schools

In addition to the options above, secondary schools may determine their poverty level by calculating the average number of "economically disadvantaged" students in their feeder elementary schools. For more information, see [section 1113\(a\)\(5\)\(B\)\(i\) of the ESEA](#).






# SUMMARY

- GET YOUR DISTRICT INVOLVED- More important for them if you are CEP
- FRIENDLY REMINDERS ALWAYS HELP
- QUESTIONS- Email me @
- [dpully@bendleschools.org](mailto:dpully@bendleschools.org)
- Dawn Pully- Director

Why fill out [DISTRICT'S NAME] Household Information Report?

## SCHOOL FUNDING

When everyone fills out the report, DISTRICT NAME receives the necessary funding to provide all students with the highest quality education.

- **TECHNOLOGY FUNDING**  
[DISTRICT NAME] receives more funding for internet access and computers.
- **COLLEGE APPLICATION DISCOUNTS**  
If your household qualifies, you can receive discounts for college application fees.
- **ATHLETICS**  
If your household qualifies, you may receive discounts for fees associated with participating in athletics.
- **SAT, ACT, AND AP TEST DISCOUNTS**  
If your household qualifies, you can receive discounts for academic testing.
- **GROCERY BENEFITS**  
Filling out this form may help provide your family with money for groceries through P-EBT.

LINK TO FORM      Add LOGO      CONTACT INFO

# School Meals Applications Outreach Toolkit

Intended for school districts to communicate with families about Free & Reduced-Price School Meals Applications.

The toolkit includes:

- Guidance about connecting with families, organized in a checklist,
- Outreach examples from other school districts, and
- Ready to use and customizable No Kid Hungry resources, available in both English and Spanish.

[School Meals Application Outreach Toolkit](#)

# Poll questions





**Questions**



# Upcoming Webinars

## **SUPPORTING YOUR HEALTHY TEAM: STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE STAFF WELLNESS, MOTIVATION & RETENTION**

Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 2:00 - 3:15pm EDT

[Registration Link](#)

This webinar will cover:

- How to promote wellness among your staff
- How to promote staff appreciation, retention and good morale, and
- How to build trust and maintain communication to increase the strength of your team.

This webinar will feature a panel of four speakers who are taking care of their staff through team building, wellness activities, recognition opportunities, financial incentives and more.

**\*\*Short survey after the webinar\*\***