

**FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS
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(Delete reference to the School Breakfast Program and/or the After School Snack Program if not applicable)

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and the schools listed on page 2 today announced its policy for providing free and reduced price meals for children served under the **National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and the After School Snack Program**. The School Food Authority has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The income eligibility guidelines listed below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced price meal benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAXIMUM HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR FREE MEALS	HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR REDUCED PRICE MEALS
1	\$14,079	\$14,079.01-\$20,036
2	\$18,941	\$18,941.01-\$26,955
3	\$23,803	\$23,803.01-\$33,874
4	\$28,665	\$28,665.01-\$40,793
5	\$33,527	\$33,527.01-\$47,712
6	\$38,389	\$38,389.01-\$54,631
7	\$43,251	\$43,251.01-\$61,550
8	\$48,113	\$48,113.01-\$68,469
For each additional family member add	\$4,862	\$4,862.01-\$6,919

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced price meals to eligible children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Households may submit an application at any time during the school year.

To receive free benefits, households receiving SNAP assistance, Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits must list the names of children, list a SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number, and the signature of an adult household member. Households who do not list a case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the household member does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available. An adult household member must sign the application. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court also may be eligible for benefits.

Direct Certification: If a child is currently certified to receive SNAP, or TANF benefits, Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) will notify household of the children's eligibility to receive free benefits. Households who receive a letter from OKDHS notifying them of their eligibility can submit the letter to the school in lieu of completing an application for free and reduced price meals. If a SNAP, TANF, and FDPIR household are not notified of their eligibility, they will need to submit an application. Households may choose to decline benefits.

According to the free and reduced price policy, **the designated eligibility official at your child's school** will review applications and determine eligibility.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the eligibility official may formally appeal the decision orally or in writing to: **The appropriate school principal. Their name address and phone number are listed on page 2 of this release.**

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