



WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Westport Community Schools Public Release Statement for Free and Reduced-Price Meals National School Lunch/Breakfast Program School Year 2022-2023

Westport Community Schools District plays a vital role in children’s health by providing free and reduced price meals to students in need. The following U.S. Department of Agriculture Programs are offered: National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following family size income criteria for determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals and will offer meals to students that qualify according to the standards below:

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES																					
		Effective from					July 1, 2022					to					June 30, 2023				
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES		REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185 %					FREE MEALS - 130 %													
	ANNUAL		ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY									
48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND TERRITORIES																					
1	13,590		25,142	2,096	1,048	967	484	17,667	1,473	737	680	340									
2	18,310		33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652	23,803	1,984	992	916	458									
3	23,030		42,606	3,551	1,776	1,639	820	29,939	2,495	1,248	1,152	576									
4	27,750		51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	988	36,075	3,007	1,504	1,388	694									
5	32,470		60,070	5,006	2,503	2,311	1,156	42,211	3,518	1,759	1,624	812									
6	37,190		68,802	5,734	2,867	2,647	1,324	48,347	4,029	2,015	1,860	930									
7	41,910		77,534	6,462	3,231	2,983	1,492	54,483	4,541	2,271	2,096	1,048									
8	46,630		86,266	7,189	3,595	3,318	1,659	60,619	5,052	2,526	2,332	1,166									
For each add'l family member, add	4,720		8,732	728	364	336	168	6,136	512	256	236	118									
ALASKA																					
1	16,990		31,432	2,620	1,310	1,209	605	22,087	1,841	921	850	425									
2	22,890		42,347	3,529	1,765	1,629	815	29,757	2,480	1,240	1,145	573									
3	28,790		53,262	4,439	2,220	2,049	1,025	37,427	3,119	1,560	1,440	720									
4	34,690		64,177	5,349	2,675	2,469	1,235	45,097	3,759	1,880	1,735	868									
5	40,590		75,092	6,258	3,129	2,889	1,445	52,767	4,398	2,199	2,030	1,015									
6	46,490		86,007	7,168	3,584	3,308	1,654	60,437	5,037	2,519	2,325	1,163									
7	52,390		96,922	8,077	4,039	3,728	1,864	68,107	5,676	2,838	2,620	1,310									
8	58,290		107,837	8,987	4,494	4,148	2,074	75,777	6,315	3,158	2,915	1,458									
For each add'l family member, add	5,900		10,915	910	455	420	210	7,670	640	320	295	148									
HAWAII																					
1	15,630		28,916	2,410	1,205	1,113	557	20,319	1,694	847	782	391									
2	21,060		38,961	3,247	1,624	1,499	750	27,378	2,282	1,141	1,053	527									
3	26,490		49,007	4,084	2,042	1,885	943	34,437	2,870	1,435	1,325	663									
4	31,920		59,052	4,921	2,461	2,272	1,136	41,496	3,458	1,729	1,596	798									
5	37,350		69,098	5,759	2,880	2,658	1,329	48,555	4,047	2,024	1,868	934									
6	42,780		79,143	6,596	3,298	3,044	1,522	55,614	4,635	2,318	2,139	1,070									
7	48,210		89,189	7,433	3,717	3,431	1,716	62,673	5,223	2,612	2,411	1,206									
8	53,640		99,234	8,270	4,135	3,817	1,909	69,732	5,811	2,906	2,682	1,341									
For each add'l family member, add	5,430		10,046	838	419	387	194	7,059	589	295	272	136									

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Public School Districts receive student data matched with the Department of Social and Health Services data and automatically qualify children receiving Basic Food and TANF assistance. No application is required. All children living in the household and attending the school are eligible for free meals. If a child was not listed on the eligibility notice, contact the school or district office. Children certified as homeless by the school McKinney-Vento homeless liaison, designated as migrant by the school migrant coordinator as well as children in Head Start classrooms may be eligible for free meals. Contact the school or district office if more information is needed. Households that do not want their child(ren) to participate in the free meal program should notify the child(ren)'s school in writing. Foster children, under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. An application may be submitted. The foster child may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children in the family. If you have questions about applying for foster

children, contact the school or district office. Children residing in households participating in Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced price meals and may complete a meal application. Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, the designated approving official(s) will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the approving official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request, either orally or in writing, to the fair hearing official, Elaine Santos, for a hearing on the decision at 508-636- 1140, or email at esantos@westportschools.org. The information provided by households is confidential. Meal benefits from the previous school year apply for the first 30 school days of the new school year. After this time, children must pay full price for meals until a new application is submitted. You may apply for meal benefits if you become unemployed or your economic situation changes at any time during the school year. Contact the school or district office if assistance is needed with application materials in different languages.

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