

School Meal Changes are coming in the 2022-2023 School Year

Will all meals be free?

Schools had some flexibilities during COVID so they could serve all kids free meals. Those options expired, so our school district can't serve all meals free anymore. Instead, families will do what they did before COVID. Schools will take applications and use family income to qualify kids for free, reduce-price, or paid meals.

My child's school is going to start charging for meals again, but I can't afford to pay. Is there a way my child can get meals for free?

You can also fill out an application to qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, runaway youth, or children of migrant workers all qualify for free school meals when their household fills out an application. Children can also qualify for free or reduced-price meals through an application if their household's income is under a certain limit.

For example, a child in a family of four with a yearly income of \$51,338 or less would qualify for reduced-price meals. Families that believe their income is under the limit should fill out an application for free or reduced-price meals through their school.

Household Size	Maximum Annual Household Income for Reduced Price Meals, School Year 2022-23*
1	\$25,142
2	\$33,874
3	\$42,606
4	\$51,338
5	\$60,070
6	\$68,802
7	\$77,534
8	\$86,266
For each additional family member, add	\$4,720

School District # 6 offers two online applications:

OPI online free/reduced application

The link for your free/reduced application is: <https://dca.opi.mt.gov/FRAApp?sponsorNum=0313>

Infinite Campus online F/R application

Go to: Parent/student portal

When logged in as the parent go to More > Food Service and see the link for online applications.

A paper application is available to download by visiting cfmthschools.net or to pick up at each school.