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**School Nutrition Programs, School Year 2023-24**  
**Media Release**

The Long Beach Unified School District announces its policy to serve nutritious meals every school day, free of charge, to enrolled students for the full duration of the 2023-24 school year through School Nutrition Programs.

While breakfast and lunch will be served free of charge every school day, Long Beach Unified is required to make eligibility determinations for free and reduced-price meals. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, children are considered eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income is less than or equal to federal guidelines.

**Free Scale:**

Household size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1	\$18,954	\$1,580	\$790	\$729	\$365
2	\$25,636	\$2,137	\$1,069	\$986	\$493
3	\$32,318	\$2,694	\$1,347	\$1,243	\$622
4	\$39,000	\$3,250	\$1,625	\$1,500	\$750
5	\$45,682	\$3,807	\$1,904	\$1,757	\$879
6	\$52,364	\$4,364	\$2,182	\$2,014	\$1,007
7	\$59,046	\$4,921	\$2,461	\$2,271	\$1,136
8	\$65,728	\$5,478	\$2,739	\$2,528	\$1,264
For each additional family member, add	\$6,682	\$557	\$279	\$257	\$129

**Reduced Scale:**

Household size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$1,124	\$1,038	\$519
2	\$36,482	\$3,041	\$1,521	\$1,404	\$702
3	\$45,991	\$3,833	\$1,917	\$1,769	\$885
4	\$55,500	\$4,625	\$2,313	\$2,135	\$1,068
5	\$65,009	\$5,418	\$2,709	\$2,501	\$1,251
6	\$74,518	\$6,210	\$3,105	\$2,867	\$1,434
7	\$84,027	\$7,003	\$3,502	\$3,232	\$1,616
8	\$93,536	\$7,795	\$3,898	\$3,598	\$1,799
For each additional family member, add	\$9,509	\$793	\$397	\$366	\$183

Households do not need to turn in an application when they receive a notification letter stating that all children automatically qualify for free meals or when any household member receives benefits from CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR. Children who meet the definition of foster, homeless, migrant or runaway, and children enrolled in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals. Households should contact school officials if any child in the household is not on the notification letter. Household must let school officials know if they do not want to be considered eligible for free or reduced-price meals.



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Meal applications are available online at <https://longbeach.rocketscanapps.com> or at Long Beach Unified's Nutrition Services office, located at 3333 Airport Way, Long Beach, CA 90806. Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals can be used to qualify households for other benefits. Households interested in establishing eligibility for meal benefits must fill out one application for all children in the household and submit it to the District's Nutrition Services office. Households can contact the District's Nutrition Services office at 562-427-7923 for help filling out the application. The District will provide notification regarding the outcome of applications.

Households may turn in an application at any time during the school year. Households that are not eligible now may turn in an application if the household income goes down, household size goes up or a household member starts receiving CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR. Information provided on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school officials. Households that receive Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits may be considered eligible for free or reduced-price meals by filling out an application.

Foster children are considered eligible for free meals and may be included as a household member if the foster family chooses to also apply for the non-foster children on the same application. Including foster children as a household member may help the non-foster children qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children are considered eligible for free meals even if non-foster children in the household are not eligible.

Eligibility status from the last school year will continue into the new school year for up to 30 school days or until the school processes the new application or children are otherwise certified for free or reduced-price meals. School officials are not required to send reminders or expired eligibility notices.

Households that do not agree with an eligibility decision or results of verification may discuss their concerns with school officials. Households have the right to a fair hearing, which may be requested by contacting Long Beach Unified's hearing official at 562-997-8191.

Long Beach Unified is an equal opportunity provider.