



MDCA Lunch Program 2024-2025

Mount Dora Christian Academy aims to provide all students with nutritious and delicious meals that support their academic and physical well-being. Consistent with this mission, we offer a free/reduced lunch program for all eligible students (need-based).

Program Overview

The MDCA lunch program consists of a variety of meal options to cater to the diverse tastes and dietary needs of our students. Some key features of our program include the following:

- **Nutritionally Balanced Meals:** Our meals are designed to ensure that students receive well-balanced, healthy lunches every day.
- **Menu Variety:** We offer a rotating menu that includes a wide range of options, from classic favorites to new and exciting dishes.
- **Free and Reduced Lunch Eligibility:** Students eligible for free or reduced lunch receive one mainline lunch daily. Additional options are available for an additional charge.
- **A la carte Line:** This is a separate line from mainline lunch and is available for secondary students. A la carte is not eligible for the free/reduced lunch program.

Lunch Price	Elementary	Secondary	Extra Mainline Items
Regular	\$5.50	\$6.50	prices vary
Reduced	\$2.75	\$3.25	50% off
Free	\$0.00	\$0.00	50% off

We believe that a strong lunch program is an essential part of the educational experience here at MDCA, and we are committed to continually improving our offerings and welcome feedback from parents and students.

Please visit mdcacademy.org to see the monthly mainline lunch menus.

To apply for the MDCA Lunch Assistance Program, please complete the following. Please make sure to complete the entire form so your application can be processed in a timely manner.

Part I: All Household Members-everyone who lives at your address

Names of all household members	School name	Grade

If you have already applied for MDCA Financial Aid, please initial here _____ and skip Part IV.

Part II: Total Household Gross Income (per month)

If you have not applied for MDCA Financial Aid, please provide the information requested below for all adults currently living in the household. This should also include nontaxable pay such as retired military, VA disability, social security, etc. **Your application cannot be processed unless all documents are submitted with the application.**

Name of household member with income	Earnings from work before deductions	Welfare, child support, alimony	Social Security, SSI, VA, retirement benefits	All other income (ex. Unemployment)

*** Please provide appropriate documentation to support such as two recent paystubs, 2023 W-2s, or similar.**

Part III: Is your child enrolled in one of these programs

If one student is enrolled in these programs, all students in the household attending MDCA will receive free mainline lunch for the 2024-2025 school year. **Please provide a screenshot that shows that the program is active and current.**

- ___ State SNAP
- ___ FDPIR
- ___ State TANF
- ___ Medicaid

Part IV: Acknowledgement and Signature

I have read and understand that acceptance to the MDCA Lunch Assistance Program is not guaranteed and will be determined by financial eligibility. I acknowledge the use of my family’s financial information to determine eligibility for the MDCA Lunch Assistance Program.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Completed applications may be delivered or emailed to the MDCA business office or email sue@mdcacademy.org

MDCA Lunch Assistance applicants will receive an email with an acceptance or denial letter.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

The total income before taxes, social security, health benefits, union dues, or other deductions must be reported.

FREE MEAL SCALE

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BIWEEKLY	WEEKLY
1	\$19,578	\$1,632	\$816	\$753	\$377
2	\$26,572	\$2,214	\$1,107	\$1,022	\$511
3	\$33,566	\$2,797	\$1,399	\$1,291	\$646
4	\$40,560	\$3,380	\$1,690	\$1,560	\$780
5	\$47,554	\$3,963	\$1,981	\$1,829	\$915
6	\$54,548	\$4,546	\$2,273	\$2,098	\$1,049
7	\$61,542	\$5,129	\$2,564	\$2,367	\$1,184
8	\$68,536	\$5,711	\$2,856	\$2,636	\$1,318
For each additional family member, add	\$6,994	\$583	\$291	\$269	\$135

REDUCED-PRICE MEAL SCALE

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BIWEEKLY	WEEKLY
1	27,861	2,322	1,161	1,072	536
2	37,814	3,151	1,576	1,454	727
3	47,767	3,981	1,990	1,837	919
4	57,720	4,810	2,405	2,220	1,110
5	67,673	5,639	2,820	2,603	1,301
6	77,626	6,469	3,234	2,986	1,493
7	87,579	7,298	3,649	3,368	1,684
8	97,532	8,128	4,064	3,751	1,876
For each additional family member, add	9,953	829	415	383	191