



PUBLIC RELEASE

Lakewood Local Schools today announced a change to its policy for serving meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program for the 2024-2025 school year. This new change will allow all children at all schools/sites to be served meals at no charge.

The ability of Lakewood Local Schools to offer this special alternative – called Provision 2 – rests upon the success of the school in receiving a completed application for free and reduced-price meals for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program from each household in the district.

Applications will be furnished by Lakewood Local Schools. An application will be sent home with each student and can be obtained at any of our schools or District Office. There is also a digital form that can be accessed on PAYSCHOOLS, or families can go to the Food Services page on the district website:

<https://www.lakewoodlocal.k12.oh.us/departments/food-services>.

Completed applications should be returned to your student's school. They can also be mailed, or scanned and emailed, to the Director of Food Service, Jennifer Stover (see contact below). For any questions, please also contact her by email or phone.

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