

Application Free and Reduced-Price School Meals

Boerne ISD announced its policy today for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the attached current income eligibility guidelines. Each school/site or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by anyone on request.

Starting on *July 24, 2024* Boerne ISD will begin distributing letters to the households of the children in the district about eligibility benefits and any actions households need to take to apply for these benefits. Applications also are available at *Boerne ISD Administration Building (235 Johns Rd, Boerne, TX.)*

Criteria for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits

The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits:

Income

1. Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels

Categorical (Automatic) Eligibility

2. Household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Program Participant

3. Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster
4. Child's enrollment in Head Start or Even Start

Income Eligibility

For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must complete an application for free and reduced-price meals and return it to *Vlada Buck, Child Nutrition liaison at 235 Johns Rd or vlada.buck@boerneisd.net*. Those individuals filling out the application will need to provide the following information:

1. Names of all household members
2. Amount, frequency, and source of current income for each household member
3. Last 4 digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or, if the adult does not have a social security number, check the box for "No Social Security number"
4. Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct

Categorical or Program Eligibility

Boerne ISD is working with local agencies to identify all children who are categorically and program eligible. Boerne ISD will notify the households of these children that they do not need to complete an application. Any household that does not receive a letter and feels it should have should contact *Vlada Buck, Child Nutrition liaison at 235 Johns Rd or vlada.buck@boerneisd.net* or 830-357-2166. Any household that wishes to decline benefits should contact *Vlada Buck, Child Nutrition liaison at 235 Johns Rd or vlada.buck@boerneisd.net* or 830-357-2166.

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Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information provided by households on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may also be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

Determining Eligibility

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Vlada Buck, Child Nutrition Liaison, will review applications and determine eligibility. Households or guardians dissatisfied with the Reviewing Official's eligibility determination may wish to discuss the decision with the Reviewing Official on an informal basis. Households wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Mark Stahl at 830-357-2067 or mark.stahl@boerneisd.net.

Unexpected Circumstances

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the attached current income eligibility guidelines.

Comunicado de prensa muestra: solicitud de comidas gratuitas y a precio reducido formulario

Boerne ISD anunció el día de hoy su política para proporcionar comidas gratuitas y a precio reducido a los niños atendidos bajo las pautas adjuntas de elegibilidad según ingresos actuales. Cada escuela/sitio o la oficina central tiene una copia de la política, que puede ser revisada por cualquier persona que lo solicite.

A partir del July 24, 2024 Boerne ISD comenzará a distribuir cartas a los hogares de los niños en el distrito acerca de los beneficios de elegibilidad y las medidas que los hogares deben tomar para solicitar estos beneficios. Las solicitudes también están disponibles en *Boerne ISD Administration Building (235 Johns Rd, Boerne, TX).*

Criterios para beneficios de comidas gratuitas y a precio reducido

Los siguientes criterios se utilizarán para determinar la elegibilidad de un niño para recibir beneficios de comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido:

Ingresos

1. Ingresos del hogar que son iguales o inferiores a los niveles de elegibilidad.

Elegibilidad categórica (automática)

2. Hogar que recibe ayuda del Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria (SNAP), Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas (TANF) o del Programa de Distribución de Alimentos en Reservaciones de Nativos Americanos (FDPIR).

Participante del programa

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3. Situación del niño en hogar sustituto, indigente, fugitivo, migrante o desplazado por un desastre declarado
4. Inscripción del niño en Head Start o Even Start

Elegibilidad según ingresos

Para aquellos hogares que califican para comidas gratuitas o de precio reducido en función de los ingresos, un adulto en el hogar debe completar la solicitud de comidas gratuitas y a precio reducido y devolverla a *Vlada Buck, Child Nutrition liaison at 235 Johns Rd or vlada.buck@boerneisd.net*. Las personas que completan la solicitud deberán proporcionar la siguiente información:

1. Nombres de todos los miembros del hogar.
2. Monto, frecuencia y fuente de ingresos actuales para cada miembro del hogar.
3. Los últimos cuatro (4) dígitos del número de Seguro Social del miembro adulto del hogar que firma la solicitud o, si el adulto no tiene un número de Seguro Social, marque la casilla "Sin número de Seguro Social".
4. Firma de un miembro adulto del hogar que acredite que la información provista es correcta.

Elegibilidad categórica o para el programa

Boerne ISD está trabajando con agencias locales para identificar a todos los niños que son elegibles categóricamente y para el programa. Boerne ISD notificará a los hogares de estos niños que no necesitan completar una solicitud. Cualquier hogar que no reciba una carta y crea que debería haberlo hecho debe comunicarse con *Vlada Buck, Child Nutrition liaison at 235 Johns Rd or vlada.buck@boerneisd.net*.

Cualquier hogar que desee rechazar los beneficios debe comunicarse con *Vlada Buck, Child Nutrition liaison at 235 Johns Rd or vlada.buck@boerneisd.net*.

Las solicitudes pueden presentarse en cualquier momento durante el año escolar. La información que proporcionan los hogares en la solicitud se utilizará con el fin de determinar la elegibilidad. Las solicitudes también pueden ser verificadas por los funcionarios escolares en cualquier momento durante el año escolar.

Determinación de elegibilidad

De acuerdo con las disposiciones de la política de comidas gratuitas y a precio reducido, Vlada Buck, Child Nutrition Liaison revisará las solicitudes y determinará la elegibilidad. Es posible que los hogares o tutores que no estén satisfechos con la determinación de elegibilidad por parte del funcionario encargado de la revisión deseen debatir la decisión con dicho funcionario de manera informal. Los hogares que deseen presentar una apelación formal para una audiencia sobre la decisión pueden presentar una solicitud verbalmente o por escrito a **Mark Stahl at 830-357-2067 or mark.stahl@boerneisd.net**.
Circunstancias inesperadas

Si un miembro del hogar queda desempleado o si el tamaño del hogar aumenta, el hogar debe comunicarse con la escuela. Dichos cambios pueden hacer que los niños del hogar sean elegibles para los beneficios si los ingresos del hogar caen en o por debajo de las pautas de elegibilidad según ingresos actuales adjuntas.

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Income Eligibility Guidelines for Determining Free and Reduced-Price Benefits

Effective from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Family Size	Annually		Monthly		Twice per Month		Every Two Weeks		Weekly	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$19,578	\$27,861	\$1,632	\$2,322	\$816	\$1,161	\$753	\$1,072	\$377	\$536
2	\$26,572	\$37,814	\$2,215	\$3,152	\$1,108	\$1,576	\$1,022	\$1,455	\$511	\$728
3	\$33,566	\$47,767	\$2,798	\$3,981	\$1,399	\$1,991	\$1,291	\$1,838	\$646	\$919
4	\$40,560	\$57,720	\$3,380	\$4,810	\$1,690	\$2,405	\$1,560	\$2,220	\$780	\$1,110
5	\$47,554	\$67,673	\$3,963	\$5,640	\$1,982	\$2,820	\$1,829	\$2,603	\$915	\$1,302
6	\$54,548	\$77,626	\$4,546	\$6,469	\$2,273	\$3,235	\$2,098	\$2,986	\$1,049	\$1,493
7	\$61,542	\$87,579	\$5,129	\$7,299	\$2,565	\$3,650	\$2,367	\$3,369	\$1,184	\$1,685
8	\$68,536	\$97,532	\$5,712	\$8,128	\$2,856	\$4,064	\$2,636	\$3,752	\$1,318	\$1,876
For each additional family member, add										
	\$6,994	\$9,953	\$583	\$830	\$292	\$415	\$269	\$383	\$135	\$192

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