

# Free and Reduced

## What are the benefits of applying besides free or cheaper meals?

### Extra benefits for our families (that go beyond free or reduced-priced meals!):

1. Discounted summer school tuition and evening High School course fees.
2. Discounted Extended Day tuition (school year and summer sessions).
3. Discounted Advanced Placement exam fee and free Fine Arts use of musical instruments for band and orchestra.
4. Free summer meals at select community locations for kids and teens, 18 and younger.
5. Discounted SAT and ACT test fees, and free college application fees.
6. Eligibility to participate in Pre-K programs.
7. Discounted Career and Technical Education course fees and discounts on Athletic Strength and Conditioning summer camp fees.

### Impact on NEW CANEY ISD:

1. The District can take advantage of more grant opportunities based on these counts.
2. The District's ratings for accountability, fiscal effectiveness and other measures are impacted by our percentage of free and reduced students.
3. The District realizes higher reimbursement rates for E-Rate federal technology subsidies.
4. General fund money used in the past to cover cafeteria balances can be used elsewhere.

## How does this affect my family and the District?

### Impact on our community:

School accountability ratings can have a significant impact on home prices in our community. It is important for our families to understand if a school receives a lower rating because economically disadvantaged students were not considered properly in test results, the entire neighborhood could be affected.

As you can see, the benefits of free and reduced qualification do not only apply to receiving school meals free or at a reduced rate, but it provides many other discounts and benefits to our families and to the District overall.

It is important that every family is aware of these benefits and encourage other families to apply for the benefits that they may be eligible to receive. Your help is essential!!!

**Quick Links, Free and Reduced Lunch Applications, Check Your Status:**

<https://www.schoolcafe.com/ncisdnutrition>