Simi Valley Schools
SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## School Year 2025-2026 Public Media Release for Universal Meals

Simi Valley Unified School District announces its policy to serve nutritious meals every school day under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program. Breakfasts and lunches will be served free of charge every school day, but Simi Valley Unified School District is still required to make eligibility determinations for free and reduced-price meals. Effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, children are considered eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income is less than or equal to the federal guidelines.

**Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced-Price Meals**
**Effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**

| | Free Eligibility Scale | | | | | Reduced-Price Eligibility Scale | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Household size** | **Year** | **Month** | **Twice Per Month** | **Every Two Weeks** | **Week** | **Year** | **Month** | **Twice Per Month** | **Every Two Weeks** | **Week** |
| **1** | $ 20,345 | $ 1,696 | $ 848 | $ 783 | $ 392 | $ 28,953 | $ 2,413 | $ 1,207 | $ 1,114 | $ 557 |
| **2** | $ 27,495 | $ 2,292 | $ 1,146 | $ 1,058 | $ 529 | $ 39,128 | $ 3,261 | $ 1,631 | $ 1,505 | $ 753 |
| **3** | $ 34,645 | $ 2,888 | $ 1,444 | $ 1,333 | $ 667 | $ 49,303 | $ 4,109 | $ 2,055 | $ 1,897 | $ 949 |
| **4** | $ 41,795 | $ 3,483 | $ 1,742 | $ 1,608 | $ 804 | $ 59,478 | $ 4,957 | $ 2,479 | $ 2,288 | $ 1,144 |
| **5** | $ 48,945 | $ 4,079 | $ 2,040 | $ 1,883 | $ 942 | $ 69,653 | $ 5,805 | $ 2,903 | $ 2,679 | $ 1,340 |
| **6** | $ 56,095 | $ 4,675 | $ 2,338 | $ 2,158 | $ 1,079 | $ 79,828 | $ 6,653 | $ 3,327 | $ 3,071 | $ 1,536 |
| **7** | $ 63,245 | $ 5,271 | $ 2,636 | $ 2,433 | $ 1,217 | $ 90,003 | $ 7,501 | $ 3,751 | $ 3,462 | $ 1,731 |
| **8** | $ 70,395 | $ 5,867 | $ 2,934 | $ 2,708 | $ 1,354 | $ 100,178 | $ 8,349 | $ 4,175 | $ 3,853 | $ 1,927 |
| **For each additional family member, add:** | | | | | | | | | | |
| | $ 7,150 | $ 596 | $ 298 | $ 275 | $ 138 | $ 10,175 | $ 848 | $ 424 | $ 392 | $ 196 |

The Simi Valley Unified School District participates in Direct Certification. Households do not need to turn in an application when the household receives a Direct Certification notification letter saying that all children automatically qualify for free meals when any household member receives benefits from CalFresh, CalWORKs,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. Contact school officials if any child in the household is not on the notification letter. The household must let the Child Nutrition Department know if they do not want to receive free or reduced-price meals.

Applications will be sent to the household with a letter about the free and reduced-price meal program. Households that want to apply for meal benefits, must fill out one application for all children in the household and submit to the school office, school cafeteria or mailed: Simi Valley Unified School District, Child Nutrition, 101 W. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065. For a simple and secure method to apply, use our online application at www.simivalleyusd.org under the Child Nutrition page. Call 805-306-4500, ext. 4702 or email terri.mikulus@simivalleyusd.org for help filling out the application. The household will be notified by letter if application is approved or denied for the free or reduced-price meals.

Households may turn in an application at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now, but your household income goes down, household size goes up, or a household member starts receiving CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR, you may turn in an application at that time. Information given on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school officials. The last four digits of the Social Security number from the primary wage earner or other adult household member or checking that you do not have a Social Security number is required if you include income on the application.

Households that receive Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits, may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals by filling out an application.

Foster children are 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. If the non-foster children are not eligible, this does not keep foster children from receiving free meals.

Your child's eligibility status from last school year will continue into the new school year for up to 30 school days **(through Sept 26, 2025)** or until the school processes your new application, or your child is otherwise certified for free or reduced-price meals. After the 30 school days, your child will have to pay full price for meals, unless the household receives a notification letter for free or reduced-price meals. School officials do not have to send reminder or expired eligibility notices.

If you do not agree with the decision or results of verification, you may discuss it with the Director of Child Nutrition. You also have the right to a fair hearing, which may be requested by calling or writing the hearing official: Ryan Comerford, Director of Child Nutrition, 101 W. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065, 805-306-4500, ext. 4701.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.