

LETTER TO FAMILIES IN “MEALS FOR WASHINGTON STUDENTS” SCHOOLS
Palouse Elementary School

Palouse Elementary School
August 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are pleased to announce that **Palouse Elementary** school meal program will be supplemented by Meals for Washington Students funds. Meals for Washington Students funds are available to select WA schools participating in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

What does this mean for my student(s) who attend Palouse Elementary?

In schools supplemented by Meals for Washington Students funds, all students receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost, regardless of family income.

Why is Palouse Elementary requesting financial information?

The information you provide by returning the free and reduced-price meal application impacts the funding that each school receives from the federal and state government. The Meal Application is used to capture information and ensure the **Palouse Elementary** receives all of the funding it is entitled to for federal meal programs and state educational programs.

What do I need to do?

Please complete the attached form and return it to **Palouse Elementary**. Your assistance in helping us maintain our current funding levels is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact **Palouse Elementary** at 509-878-1921.

Sincerely,
Palouse School District

2025–26 Child Nutrition Eligibility & Education Benefit Application – Garfield & Palouse School Districts

Apply online **GARFIELD-PALOUSE SCHOOLS** <https://www.garpal.net/Page/3115>

This application may qualify you for: meal benefits, Summer EBT benefits (if enrolled in a NSLP/SBP school), reduced fees for other programs and activities, and/or help secure funding for your school district. If your child(ren) are enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 school, completing this application will not impact your eligibility to receive meals at no cost.

Complete, sign, and return this application to:

PALOUSE SCHOOL DISTRICT 600 E Alder St, Palouse, WA 99161 or **GARFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT** 810 3rd St, Garfield, WA 99130

Check here if you received meal benefits last year: ☐

1. List all students living with you that are attending school. If the student is in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or receiving migrant education services, indicate this by placing an “x” in the appropriate box. Include any personal income received by the student and make an “x” in the correct box for how often it is received. ☐ Homeless ☐ Migrant

Student’s Last Name	Student’s First Name	MI	Foster	Date of Birth	School	Grade	Student Income	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2 X Month	Monthly
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2. If any Household Members (including yourself) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs, please write in a case number. If no, go to Step 3.

☐ Basic Food ☐ TANF ☐ Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Case Number: _____

3. List the names of all other household members - Enter income (in whole dollars) and CHECK how often it is received. If a household member does not receive income, write 0. If you enter 0 or leave the income sections blank, you are promising there is no income to report.

Names of ALL other household members (do not include students listed above)	Foster	Earnings from work (before any deductions)	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2 X Month	Monthly	Public Assistance/ Child Support/ Alimony	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2 X Month	Monthly	Any Other Income Not Already Listed	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2 X Month	Monthly
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4. Total Household Members (include all people living in your household): Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Check if no SSN: ☐

(total listed must equal number of household members listed above)

Primary Wage Earner or Other Household Member (Optional if only applying for Summer EBT)

5. Contact Information & Signature – Complete, sign, and return this application to:

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true, that all income is reported, and that my household does not receive Summer EBT benefits through a different State or Indian Tribal Organization (if applicable). I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of federal or state benefits and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose these benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws.

Printed Name of Adult Household Member

Adult Household Member Signature

E-mail Address

Mailing Address

City, State & Zip Code

Daytime Phone

Date

6. **Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities (Optional)** – We are required to ask for information about your child(ren)'s race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your child(ren)'s eligibility for free & reduced-price meals.

Mark one or more racial identities:

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ Black, or African American

☐ White

☐ Asian

☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Mark one ethnic identity:

☐ Hispanic or Latino

☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Child Nutrition Eligibility: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced-price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Basic Food), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online

at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
Program.Intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

INSERT DISTRICT NAME School District's Non-Discrimination Statement

SCHOOL USE ONLY – DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

ANNUAL INCOME CONVERSION: Weekly x 52; Bi-Weekly x 26; Twice per month x 24; Monthly x 12.

(Do **NOT** convert to annual income unless household reports multiple pay frequencies).

LEA APPROVAL: ☐ Basic Food/TANF/FDPIR/Foster ☐ Income Household ☐ Income Household ☐ Total Household Income

APPLICATION APPROVED FOR: ☐ Free Eligible

☐ Free Eligible

☐ Reduced-Price Eligible

APPLICATION DENIED BECAUSE:

☐ Income Over Allowed Amount

☐ Incomplete/Missing Information

☐ Other: _____

Date Notice Sent	Signature of Approving Official	Date