

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 2025–2026 School Year Nutrition

Middleborough Public Schools announced today its serving nutritious meals to students under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

Universal Free Meals for All Students

The Massachusetts legislature has provided funding to make one breakfast and one lunch available at **no cost to all students permanently**, regardless of household income. All students enrolled at **Middleborough Public Schools** are eligible to receive these meals every school day.

Applications are available from Middleborough Public Schools and in the main office of every school. Directly Certified households (through SNAP/TAFDC) do not need to submit an application.

Nondiscrimination Statement

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For the **2025–2026 school year**, Massachusetts uses the following federal income eligibility guidelines. While all students in Massachusetts receive free meals regardless of income, these thresholds determine if your household qualifies for **additional benefits** such as waived school fees, [Summer EBT \(SUN Bucks\)](#), or discounted utility rates.

Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026)

The following table lists the maximum gross income (before taxes) to qualify for "Reduced-Price" status (185% of the Federal Poverty Level).

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$557
2	\$39,128	\$3,261	\$753
3	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$949

4	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$1,144
5	\$69,653	\$5,805	\$1,340
6	\$79,828	\$6,653	\$1,536
7	\$90,003	\$7,501	\$1,731
8	\$100,178	\$8,349	\$1,927
Each Add'l Member	+\$10,175	+\$848	+\$196

Key Eligibility Details

- **Income Definition:** Includes gross wages, salary, cash bonuses, Social Security, unemployment, child support, and pensions.
- **Automatic Eligibility:** Households receiving [SNAP](#) or TAFDC benefits are "directly certified" and do not need to submit an application.
- **Special Categories:** Foster, homeless, migrant, and runaway children qualify automatically regardless of household income.
- **Confidentiality:** Application information is confidential and used only to determine eligibility for school-related programs.