

SCHOOL NUTRITION INFORMATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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As excitement for the 2025-2026 school year builds, we are happy to provide this information about the school nutrition programs offered by Davidson County Schools.

- **Applying for Free and Reduced Benefits for Your Student**

Free and reduced meal benefits must be awarded by one of the following ways: **1)** Direct Certification (you will receive a letter from the School Nutrition Office stating your child is already free, with no additional action required); **2)** an application you must submit every year; or **3)** be enrolled in a school participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (see below). Free and reduced meal benefits will rollover from the previous school year (2024-2025) for the **first 30 days** of the new school year after which each student will become full pay unless approved for benefits during those first 30 days.



To avoid accruing charges, we encourage parents to submit their applications as soon as possible. ***The quickest and most accurate method is to submit online at <https://linqconnect.com/public/meal-application/new?identifier=3ZFBGQ>.*** If you cannot submit an application online, please complete and return a paper application, which will be available at your student's school. Applications can be returned to any school or mailed to Davidson County Schools, Attention: SN Office, 250 County School Road, Lexington, NC 27292. If you have any questions, please call 336-242-5635.

- **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**

We are excited to share that three additional schools have been selected for the 2025-2026 school year for a total of 23 schools to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Schools that will be participating include **Brier Creek Elementary, Southmont Elementary, Central Davidson High, Central Davidson Middle, Stoner-Thomas, Davidson County High, Churchland Elementary, Davis-Townsend Elementary, Denton Elementary, Brown Middle, East Davidson High, Fair Grove Elementary, Hasty Elementary, Pilot Elementary, Reeds Elementary, Silver Valley Elementary, South Davidson Middle and High, Southwood Elementary, Tyro Elementary, Tyro Middle, Welcome Elementary, West Davidson High, and Yadkin Valley Regional Career Academy.** If your child is enrolled in one of these schools, he or she will receive breakfast and lunch at no cost for the 2025-2026 school year and will not be required to submit a free and reduced meal application. For children attending all other schools to participate in the school meal program, they must **1)** be directly certified, **2)** apply and be approved for free or reduced meals, or **3)** pay the standard breakfast and lunch prices.

- **Adding Funds to a Student's Account**

If your child's meals require reduced payment or full payment, you may add funds to your student's account by going to <https://linqconnect.com/3ZFBGQ>, a secure, easy and convenient way to apply funds directly to your student's account. You are able to check your student's account balance and monitor what your student is buying. This option is available to all students enrolled in Davidson County Schools.

- **Unique Mealtime Needs**

A medical statement for students with special nutritional needs for school meals is available on our website at www.davidson.k12.nc.us. If your child has special needs, please print and take to your physician for a signature. You will also find a listing of offered foods and their nutritional values.

- **Menus**

Menus will be available, monthly, on our website at www.davidson.k12.nc.us. We look forward to seeing your student in our school breakfast and lunch lines in August!

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