Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to Humboldt Unified School District 2026/2027 SY!

Children need healthy meals to learn. HUSD offers healthy meals every school day. **K-12 Breakfast costs $1.50, K-8 Lunch costs $2.75, High School Lunch costs $3.25.**

Your children may qualify for Free or Reduced-price meals.
****Due to state funding, the Arizona Department of Education will waive the meal costs for students qualifying for *Reduced-price meals* for the 2026/2027 school year.**

Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE MEALS?
   - **a.** All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, TANF, FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations)**, **Direct Certification-Medicaid Free (DC-M Free)** are eligible for free meals.
   - b. Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
   - c. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway or migrant are eligible for free meals.
   - d. Children can get free or reduced-price meals if your household's gross income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guideline Chart below:

Federal Eligibility Income Chart for School Year 2026-2027			
Household Size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	$29,526	$2,461	$568
2	$40,034	$3,337	$770
3	$50,542	$4,212	$972
4	$61,050	$5,088	$1,175
5	$71,558	$5,964	$1,377
6	$82,066	$6,839	$1,579
7	$92,574	$7,715	$1,781
8	$103,082	$8,591	$1,983
Each Additional Person	+$10,508	+$876	+$203

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet any of these descriptions, please call HUSD Family Resource Center 928-759-5104.

3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATIONFOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one Free and Reduced-price School meal Application for all students in your household. We can not approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information.

4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter carefully. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, please call 928-759-5013 at your earliest convenience to check if they can be added to your household eligibility.

5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? No. Our district does not have the option to apply for free or reduced-price meals online at this time.

6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first 30 days of this school year through ***9/18/2026***. You must send in a new application unless you were notified that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new meal application that is approved or you have not been notified that your child is eligible, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

7. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC **may** be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out a meal application.

8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send proof of the household income you report.

9. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

10. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should call 928-759-5013 and speak to the HUSD Child Nutrition Determining Official. You may also ask for a hearing by calling or writing to Mr. Jody Buckle 6901 E Bear Path Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 928-759-5012.

11. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply. Our organization does not release information for immigration-related purposes in the usual course of operating the School Nutrition Programs.

12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you **normally** receive. For example, if you normally make $1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made $900. Put down that you made $1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

13. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write 0 (zero) in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will

also be counted as zeros. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you **meant** to do so.

14. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY, DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your base pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

15. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application.

16. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-352-8401.

If you have other questions or need help, please call 928-759-5013 Monday-Friday 7:00 am – 3:00 pm.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information requested in order to verify your children's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. If you do not provide the information or provide incomplete information, your children may no longer receive free or reduced-price meals.

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