RED CREEK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Household Income Eligibility Form

Why do we need you to fill out the Household Income Eligibility Form when meals are at no cost? It is important for EVERY family to fill out this form because doing so impacts the amount of aid the district receives. School Aid directly impacts programs for students. Red Creek Central School District receives funding from the state and federal governments to support the needs of low- income students. For each student who qualifies for free or reduced-price meals, our district receives thousands of additional dollars in funding. Studies show that many eligible students, in particular middle school and high school students, do not complete this form each year, leaving thousands of dollars in funding for Red Creek Central School District on the table.

What if my child doesn't want to eat school lunch? Why should I fill out the form? Even if your child chooses to bring their own lunch or goes to a school where all students receive free lunch, filling out the form is very important! It ensures that your school gets all the funding and benefits available to support teachers and students. In addition, even if your child does not eat school lunch, students who qualify for free lunch also can receive other benefits like:

- Discounts for your family on utilities and internet service
- Reduced fees for SAT and ACT tests and college applications
- Reduced College Application Fees
- Future P-EBT Benefits

Is the Information I Submit Confidential? The information you submit on the application cannot be shared by the Food Service Department.

Personal information submitted on the form is not shared with the state or federal government. Only the number of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch is shared. Principals and teachers are not told which students qualify for free or reduced lunch benefits. Red Creek Central School District does not share information with other organizations that provide benefits. But if your child does qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, you may use the eligibility form provided by Red Creek Central School District to qualify for other benefits through providers like Spectrum Cable and National Grid.

Please submit the form to:
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