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Voluntary Identification of Low-Income Students

This form is only for schools that do NOT participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). This form does not mean your child will receive a free lunch. It is a tool used to determine eligibility.

Why do we want to know about your household income? The number of low-income students attending our school is important because the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED) uses this information to calculate State Adequacy Aid for districts and Charter School Tuition Aid. The number of low-income students is also used to calculate federal grant awards.

NHED's definition of low-income uses the same household income thresholds used by the NSLP. Amounts are adjusted each year to account for inflation. Here is a link to the guidelines: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines> The current table for reduced is below, if you meet this guideline it is important to fill out and return the form.

This survey is voluntary. If you do not wish to participate, simply do not return the form.

Child Nutrition Income Eligibility Guidelines:

School Year 2026-2027

Reduced Price Meals						Free Meals					
Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568	1	20,748	1,729	865	798	399
2	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770	2	28,132	2,345	1,173	1,082	541
3	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972	3	35,516	2,960	1,480	1,366	683
4	61,050	4,088	2,544	2,349	1,175	4	42,900	3,575	1,788	1,650	825
5	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377	5	50,284	4,191	2,096	1,934	967
6	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579	6	57,668	4,806	2,403	2,218	1,109
7	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781	7	65,052	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
8	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983	8	72,436	6,037	3,019	2,786	1,393
For each add'l family member, add	10,508	876	438	405	203	For each add'l family member, add	7,384	616	308	284	142

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



What is a household? It is a group of people who live together, share their income and expenses, and share at least some meals. It is not required that they be related family members. If a person pays rent for a room but does not share income and other expenses, this person is not part of the household. Report this room rent as income in section 3. (The renter may qualify as a separate household.)

Who may submit this form? Submit if you can provide a case number in Section 1, OR you have a foster child to report in Section 2, OR the household monthly income is below the amount shown in the charts above. The head of a household may submit a form.

Do I need to complete Section 3, Household Income? Skip section 3 if you provide a case number in Section 1 or the only students in Section 2 are foster children. Otherwise, enter gross (before tax and withholdings) average monthly income for all children and adults, except foster children. Include overtime and occasional earnings, to the extent you usually earn this amount each month. You must keep records, such as one month of pay stubs, for ALL earners. For cash earnings keep notes. Keep these records for one year.

Privacy Promise: The school will protect the confidentiality of information on this form, using it only to report to NHED the student ID number of a low-income student. The form will be kept in a locked location, and only persons that prepare the report will have access. Information will not be shared with any other government agency or other school staff.

Questions? Contact: Andy Ostler, Administrative Assistant, 603-643-3431 or by emailing:
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Voluntary Identification of Low-Income Eligibility

Students Return this form to Andy Ostler RES Main Office as soon as

READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING FORM possible.

Please complete ONE form for the whole family.

Section 1

If anyone in your household receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps), or Family Assistance Program (FAP, formerly TANF) enter name and case number for that person.

Name: _____ SNAP FAP (circle one) Case Number: _____

Section 2

List ONLY students enrolled at this school

	First Name and Middle Initial <u>Only</u>	Birthday Month & Day <u>Only</u>	Enter “Foster” if a Foster child (Automatically Qualifies)	For School Use Only SASID
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

Attach a second sheet if you have more than 5 students to report.

If you reported a SNAP or FAP case number in Section 1 OR all students listed in Section 2 are Foster, skip Section 3. All students are automatically qualified.

Section 3 Number of people (all ages) in household: _____ (see instructions)

Monthly Income of all household members <u>except foster children</u>	(Enter “0” if none)
1. Gross Monthly Earnings: Wages, Salary, Commissions	\$
2. Monthly Welfare Payments, Child Support, Alimony	\$
3. Monthly Payments from Pensions, Retirement, Social Security	\$
4. Monthly Dividends or Interest on Savings	\$
5. Monthly Worker’s Compensation, Unemployment, Strike Benefit	\$
6. Other Monthly Income (Rent, SSI, VA, Disability, other)	\$
Total Monthly Household Income (Add lines 1-6)	\$

Section 4

I certify (promise) that this information is true, and all required income is reported. If asked, I will provide income documents to verify this information. I expect that the school will abide by the privacy promise on the instructions page. I understand that if I purposely give false information I may be prosecuted.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____