

Somis Union School District
School Year 2026/2027
Public Media Release for Universal Meals

Somis Union School District announces its policy to serve nutritious meals every school day under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Afterschool Snack Program. Breakfasts and lunches will be served free of charge every school day, but Somis Union School District is still required to make eligibility determinations for free and reduced-price meals. Effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, children are considered eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income is less than or equal to the federal guidelines.

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Households do not need to turn in an application when the household receives a notification letter saying that all children automatically qualify for free meals when any household member receives benefits from CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR. Children who meet the definition of foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway, and children enrolled in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals. Contact school officials if any child in the household is not on the notification letter. The household must let school officials know if they do not want to be considered eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Applications will be sent to the household with a letter about the school meal program. While breakfasts and lunches will be provided free of charge every school day, determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals is still necessary and these determinations can be used to qualify households for other benefits. Households interested in establishing eligibility for meal benefits, must fill out one application for all children in the household and give it to the school office at 5628 North Street, Somis, CA 93066. For a simple and secure method to apply, use our online application at Somisusd.org. Contact Sarah Kennelty at (805)386-8258 for help filling out the application. The school will provide notification regarding the outcome of your applications.

Households may turn in an application at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now, but your household income goes down, household size goes up, or a household member starts receiving CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR, you may turn in an application at that time. Information given on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school officials. The last four digits of the Social Security number from any adult household or checking that you do not have a Social Security number is required if you include income on the application.

Households that receive Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits, may be considered eligible for free or reduced-price meals by filling out an application.

Foster children are considered eligible for free meals and may be included as a household member if the foster family chooses to also apply for the non-foster children on the same application. Including foster children as a household member may help the non-foster children qualify for free or reduced-price meals. If the non-foster children are not eligible, this does not keep foster children from being considered eligible for free meals.

Your child's eligibility status from last school year will continue into the new school year for up to 30 school days or until the school processes your new application, or your child is otherwise certified for free or reduced-price meals. School officials do not have to send reminder or expired eligibility notices.

If you do not agree with the decision or results of verification, you may discuss it with school officials. You also have the right to a fair hearing, which may be requested by calling or writing the hearing official: Sarah Kennelty, Somis Union School District, 5628 North Street, Somis, CA 93066 (805)386-8258, This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2. fax:
202-690-7442; or
3. email:
Program.Intake@usda.gov.

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INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES									
Effective from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027									
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES	REDUCED PRICE MEALS =		185% TWICE PER MONTH	FREE MEALS =		130% TWICE PER MONTH		
		ANNUAL	MONTHLY		EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY		ANNUAL	MONTHLY
48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND TERRITORIES									
1	15,960	29,526	2,461	1,231	20,748	1,729	865	798	399
2	21,640	40,034	3,337	1,669	28,132	2,345	1,173	1,082	541
3	27,320	50,542	4,212	2,106	35,516	2,960	1,480	1,366	683
4	33,000	61,050	5,088	2,544	42,900	3,575	1,788	1,650	825
5	38,680	71,558	5,964	2,982	50,284	4,191	2,096	1,934	967
6	44,360	82,066	6,839	3,420	57,668	4,806	2,403	2,218	1,109
7	50,040	92,574	7,715	3,858	65,052	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
8	55,720	103,082	8,591	4,296	72,436	6,037	3,019	2,786	1,393
For each additional family member, add	5,680	10,508	876	438	7,384	616	308	284	142
ALASKA									
1	19,950	36,908	3,076	1,538	25,935	2,162	1,081	998	499
2	27,050	50,043	4,171	2,086	35,165	2,931	1,466	1,353	677
3	34,150	63,178	5,265	2,633	44,395	3,700	1,850	1,708	854
4	41,250	76,313	6,360	3,180	53,625	4,469	2,235	2,063	1,032
5	48,350	89,448	7,454	3,727	62,855	5,238	2,619	2,418	1,209
6	55,450	102,583	8,549	4,275	72,085	6,008	3,004	2,773	1,387
7	62,550	115,718	9,644	4,822	81,315	6,777	3,389	3,128	1,564
8	69,650	128,853	10,738	5,369	90,545	7,546	3,773	3,483	1,742
For each additional family member, add	7,100	13,135	1,095	548	9,230	770	385	355	178
HAWAII									
1	18,360	33,966	2,831	1,416	23,868	1,989	995	918	459
2	24,890	46,047	3,838	1,919	32,357	2,697	1,349	1,245	623
3	31,420	58,127	4,844	2,422	40,846	3,404	1,702	1,571	786
4	37,960	70,208	5,851	2,926	49,335	4,112	2,056	1,898	949
5	44,480	82,288	6,858	3,429	57,824	4,819	2,410	2,224	1,112
6	51,010	94,369	7,865	3,933	66,313	5,527	2,764	2,551	1,276
7	57,540	106,449	8,871	4,436	74,802	6,234	3,117	2,877	1,439
8	64,070	118,530	9,878	4,939	83,291	6,941	3,471	3,204	1,602
For each additional family member, add	6,530	12,081	1,007	504	8,489	708	354	327	164