Valdez City Schools is pleased to announce our participation in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs Meals will be available to all children at the following schools:

School Name	Breakfast	Lunch	Snack
Valdez High School	Y	Y	N
George Gilson Middle School	Y	Y	N
Hermon Hutchens Elementary School	Y	Y	N

Meals served through these programs meet nutritional standards set forth by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

If your income is less than or equal to the following guidelines you are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. These guidelines are effective 1 July 2026 through 30 June 2027. You must submit a free and reduced-price meal benefit application by filling one out and returning it to your child's school front office or mailing it to Susan Love at PO Box 398, Valdez, AK 99686. For your convenience, you can also fill out the application on line by going to the Valdez City Schools website. Once you are at the site, go to Nutrition Services, then Free & Reduced Lunch, then click on the LINQ Connect portal.

If you have children who are approved for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), they are automatically eligible to receive free meals by filing an application that includes their assistance number from one of those programs.

Direct Certification: Children receiving SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR benefits will be automatically certified as eligible for free meals wherever possible; if you receive a letter from the SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR agency listing your children as eligible under these programs, you need not apply. Students who are migrant, homeless, or runaways are automatically eligible and do not need to fill out an application. Foster children receive free meals regardless of the income of the household with which they reside. Note: Medicaid and Denali Kid Care case numbers do not qualify for automatic eligibility.

Income Eligibility Guidelines

Alaska Income Eligibility Guidelines
July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Reduced Price Meals – 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	36,908	3,076	1,538	1,420	710
2	50,043	4,171	2,086	1,925	963
3	63,178	5,265	2,633	2,430	1,215
4	76,313	6,360	3,180	2,936	1,468
5	89,448	7,454	3,727	3,441	1,721
6	102,583	8,549	4,275	3,946	1,973
7	115,718	9,644	4,822	4,451	2,226
8	128,853	10,738	5,369	4,956	2,478
For Each Additional family member add:	13,135	1,095	548	506	253

Free Meals – 130% of Federal Poverty Guidelines

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	25,935	2,162	1,081	998	499
2	35,165	2,931	1,466	1,353	677
3	44,395	3,700	1,850	1,708	854
4	53,625	4,469	2,235	2,063	1,032
5	62,855	5,238	2,619	2,418	1,209
6	72,085	6,008	3,004	2,773	1,387
7	81,315	6,777	3,389	3,128	1,564
8	90,545	7,546	3,773	3,483	1,742
For each additional family member add:	9,230	770	385	355	178

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1. **mail:** U.S. Department of Agriculture
   Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
   1400 Independence Avenue, SW
   Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:** 833-256-1665 or 202-690-7442; or
3. **email:** program.intake@usda.gov

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