

2026-2027 School Year Free and Reduced-Price-Secondary Campuses Sweeny ISD Child Nutrition Services

Sweeny ISD is committed to ensuring that students have access to nutritious meals each school day. For the 2026-2027 school year, Sweeny ISD will provide information regarding the availability of free and reduced-price meal benefits for students attending secondary campuses.

The district's Free and Reduced-Price Meal Policy and current income eligibility guidelines are available for review upon request at any school campus or the Sweeny ISD Child Nutrition Office.

Beginning August 2026, information regarding meal benefits, eligibility requirements, and application instructions will be available through the Sweeny ISD website and social media platforms. Families may apply online at:

<https://www.schoolcafe.com/sweenyisd>

Who May Qualify for Free or Reduced-Price Meals?

Eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits is determined based on the following criteria:

Income Eligibility

Students may qualify if their household income is at or below the current income eligibility guidelines established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Categorical or Automatic Eligibility

Students may qualify automatically if their household receives benefits through:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Students may also qualify based on participation in certain programs or circumstances, including:

- Foster care
- Homelessness
- Runaway status
- Migrant status
- Displacement due to a declared disaster
- Enrollment in Head Start or Even Start

How to Apply

Households who qualify based on income must complete a Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year.

Families may complete an application online at:

<https://www.schoolcafe.com/sweenyisd>

Paper applications may also be submitted to:

Sweeny ISD Child Nutrition Services

1310 N. Elm Street
Sweeny, TX 77480

For questions or assistance, please contact the Child Nutrition Department at **979-491-8092**.

When completing the application, households will be asked to provide:

- Names of all household members
- Current income information for each household member, including amount, frequency, and source
- The last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member signing the application, or check the box indicating "No Social Security Number" if applicable
- The signature of an adult household member confirming that the information provided is accurate

Students Automatically Eligible for Benefits

Sweeny ISD works with local agencies to identify students who qualify for free meals through categorical eligibility programs. Families of students who are automatically eligible will receive notification and will not need to complete an application.

If a household believes they should have received notification of eligibility or would like to decline meal benefits, please contact Child Nutrition Services at **979-491-8092**.

Application Review and Appeals

Sweeny ISD Child Nutrition Services will review all applications and determine eligibility based on the information provided.

If a household disagrees with the eligibility determination, they may discuss the decision with the reviewing official. Families may also request a formal hearing by contacting:

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979-491-8092

Changes During the School Year

Households should contact Child Nutrition Services if there are changes in household income, employment status, or household size. These changes may affect eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits.

Sweeny ISD Child Nutrition Services is committed to supporting student success by ensuring all students have access to healthy and nutritious meals.

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