Newport-Mesa
Unified School District

School Year 2026-2027
Public Media Release for Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Newport-Mesa Unified 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. Effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income is less than or equal to the federal guidelines.

Free Eligibility Scale

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	$ 20,748	$ 1,729	$ 865	$ 798	$ 399
2	$ 28,132	$ 2,345	$ 1,173	$ 1,082	$ 541
3	$ 35,516	$ 2,960	$ 1,480	$ 1,366	$ 683
4	$ 42,900	$ 3,575	$ 1,788	$ 1,650	$ 825
5	$ 50,284	$ 4,191	$ 2,096	$ 1,934	$ 967
6	$ 57,668	$ 4,806	$ 2,403	$ 2,218	$ 1,109
7	$ 65,052	$ 5,421	$ 2,711	$ 2,502	$ 1,251
8	$ 72,436	$ 6,037	$ 3,019	$ 2,786	$ 1,393
For each additional family member, add:	$ 7,384	$ 616	$ 308	$ 284	$ 142

Reduced-price Eligibility Scale

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	$ 29,526	$ 2,461	$ 1,231	$ 1,136	$ 568
2	$ 40,034	$ 3,337	$ 1,669	$ 1,540	$ 770
3	$ 50,542	$ 4,212	$ 2,106	$ 1,944	$ 972
4	$ 61,050	$ 5,088	$ 2,544	$ 2,349	$ 1,175
5	$ 71,558	$ 5,964	$ 2,982	$ 2,753	$ 1,377
6	$ 82,066	$ 6,839	$ 3,420	$ 3,157	$ 1,579
7	$ 92,574	$ 7,715	$ 3,858	$ 3,561	$ 1,781
8	$ 103,082	$ 8,591	$ 4,296	$ 3,965	$ 1,983
For each additional family member, add:	$ 10,508	$ 876	$ 438	$ 405	$ 203

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 receive free or reduced-price meals.

Households that want to apply for meal benefits, must fill out one application for all children in the household and give it to the nutrition office at 2985 Bear Street, Building B, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. For a simple and secure method to apply, use our online application at https://www2.myschoolapps.com/Application. Contact the Nutrition Services Office at 714-424-5090 for help filling out the application. The school will let you know if your application is approved or denied for free or reduced-price meals.

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 eligible for free or reduced-price meals by filling out an application.

Foster children are 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 receiving 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. After the 30 school days, your child's eligibility status will change to paid status, unless the household receives a notification letter for free or reduced-price meals. School officials do not have to send reminder or expired eligibility notices. The State of California has funded Nutrition Services to serve breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost during the 2026-2027 school year.

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: Annalies Dewey, Coordinator III Nutrition Services, Phone:714-424-5095, 2985 Bear Street, Building B, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

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