



NUTRITION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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-FAQs – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

How does the School District's funding benefit by signing up my student(s) for this program?

California changed the funding for K-12 education effective July 1, 2013 to provide additional funding based on the percentage of students in the Free or Reduced-Price Meal Program. Our District will receive an average of \$325 additional funding this school year for each student in this program. For every 1% increase in the number of students in this program, the District will receive about \$20,000 more in funding for educational programs in our District.

If my student does not want to participate in the Program, should I still apply if we are eligible?

Yes! The additional education funding is based on the number of eligible students signed up for the Program. It is not based on how often the student uses the Program.

Am I required to fill out an application each school year and if so, is there a cut off date?

Yes! A new application is required each school year with current household and income information. Students are on a 30 school day grace period at the prior year's eligibility until a new application is received. Applications are also accepted any time during the school year; however, if completed by October 30th and deemed eligible, it will bring in additional funding to the School District for educational programs.

Will my child be identified as Free or Reduced-Price to fellow students or school staff?

No! Eligibility status is confidential and is known only to Nutrition Services staff. Every student has a computerized meal account and they access it the same way as full price students. Elementary level students come by class and say their first and last name. Secondary level students enter their student ID number on a pin pad and say their first and last name.

Does my family applying for the Program take away from another family qualifying?

No! There is no limit to the number of students in the Program. Any family that meets the qualifications should apply even if the student is only in school for a partial day (transitional kindergartners/kindergartners/seniors), or chooses not to participate daily, because the District still receives the additional funding for education purposes.

Can transitional kindergarten/kindergarten students apply? Participate?

Yes! Your transitional kindergarten and kindergarten student can participate in the breakfast program at participating schools. Your extended day transitional kindergarten and kindergarten student can also participate in the lunch program, which is part of their regular school day. If your student is a regular day kindergartner they can participate if you accompany them to the cafeteria while they eat lunch. If you choose not to participate, the School District will still receive additional educational funding.

My student is a senior and leaves school before lunch. Should we still apply?

Yes! Your student can still participate in the lunch program. They can also participate in the breakfast program at both high schools, which is served for one half hour before school or at morning Nutrition Break. Even if he/she chooses not to participate in the Program, the School District will still receive additional educational funding.



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Do we need to fill out a new application if our income changes during the school year?

No! Applications are approved for the entire school year. If there are changes it is not necessary to fill out a new one, however if you wish to change your eligibility status, you can complete a new application at any time.

Who qualifies for the Program?

Foster and Kinship court placement students

Families in transitional housing due to economic need - McKinney Vento

Families receiving CalFresh(FS), CalWorks, Kin-Gap and FDPIR

Households meeting the current year's income eligibility guidelines posted on the application & our website.