

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Little Lake City School District participates in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program by offering nutritious meals every school day. Elementary students may buy lunch for \$2.40. Middle School Students may buy lunch for \$2.65. Elementary and Middle School students may buy breakfast for \$1.75. Eligible students may receive free or reduced-price meals. Little Lake City School District does not charge students who qualify for reduced-price meals. You or your children do not have to be United States citizens to qualify for free or reduced-price meals. If there are more household members than the number of lines on the application, attach a second application. For a simple and secure method to apply, use our online application at: <https://littlelakecity.strataapps.com>.

LETTER TO HOUSEHOLD FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS QUALIFICATION

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the federal Income Eligibility Guidelines below.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$984	\$908	\$454
2	\$31,894	\$2,658	\$1,329	\$1,227	\$614
3	\$40,182	\$3,349	\$1,675	\$1,546	\$773
4	\$48,470	\$4,040	\$2,020	\$1,865	\$933
5	\$56,758	\$4,730	\$2,365	\$2,183	\$1,092
6	\$65,046	\$5,421	\$2,711	\$2,502	\$1,251
7	\$73,334	\$6,112	\$3,056	\$2,821	\$1,411
8	\$81,622	\$6,802	\$3,401	\$3,140	\$1,570
For each additional family member, add:	\$8,288	\$691	\$346	\$319	\$160

APPLYING FOR BENEFITS

An application for free or reduced-price meals cannot be reviewed unless all required fields are completed. A household may apply at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now, but your household income decreases, household size increases, or a household member becomes eligible for CalFresh, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits, you may submit an application at that time.

DIRECT CERTIFICATION

An application is not required if the household receives a notification letter indicating all children are automatically certified for free meals. If you did not receive a letter, please complete an application.

VERIFICATION:

District officials may check the information on the application at any time during the school year. You may be asked to submit information to validate your income or current eligibility for CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR benefits.

WIC PARTICIPANTS

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

HOMELESS, MIGRANT, RUNAWAY, AND HEAD START

Children who meet the definition of homeless, migrant, or runaway, and children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals. Please contact Ana Yarza, Family Outreach Liaison, for assistance at: (562) 868-8241 ext. 2270.

FOSTER CHILD

The legal responsibility must be through a foster care agency or court to qualify for free meals. A foster child may be included as a household member if the foster family chooses to apply for their non-foster children on the same application and must report any personal income earned by the foster child. If the non-foster children are not eligible, this does not prevent a foster child from receiving free meals.

FAIR HEARING

If you do not agree with the District's decision regarding your application's determination or the result of verification, you may discuss it with the hearing official. You also have the right to a fair hearing, which may be requested by calling or writing to the following: Manuel Correa, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, (562) 868-8241 ext. 2248 or 10515 S. Pioneer Blvd. Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670.

ELIGIBILITY CARRYOVER

Your child's eligibility status from the previous school year will continue into the new school year for up to 30 operating days or until a new determination is made. When the carryover period ends, your child will be charged the full price for meals, unless the household receives a notification letter for free or reduced-price meals. District officials are not required to send a reminder or expired eligibility notices.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: How to File a Complaint, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: 1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; 2. fax: (202) 690-7442; or 3. email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Complete one application per household. Please print clearly with a pen. Incomplete, illegible, or incorrect information will delay processing.

STEP 1: STUDENT INFORMATION – Include **all students** who attend Little Lake City School District. Print their name (first, middle initial, last), school, grade level, and birthdate. If any student listed is a foster child, check the **Foster** box. If you are only applying for a foster child, complete STEP 1, and then continue to STEP 4. If any student listed may be homeless, migrant, or runaway, check the applicable **Homeless, Migrant, or Runaway** box and complete all **STEPS** of the application.

STEP 2: ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – If **any** household member (child or adult) participates in CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR, then all children are eligible for free meals. You must check the applicable assistance program box, enter one case number, and then continue to STEP 4. If no one participates, skip STEP 2 and continue to STEP 3.

STEP 3: REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS – You must report **gross** income (before deductions) from **all** household members (children and adults) in whole dollars. Enter **0** for any household member that does not receive income. Report the combined **gross** income for all students listed in STEP 1 and enter the appropriate pay period. Include a foster child's income if you are applying for foster and non-foster children on the same application.

- Print the names (first and last) of **all other** household members not listed in STEP 1, including yourself. Report the total **gross** income from each source and enter the appropriate pay period.
- Enter the total household size (children and adults). This number **must** equal the listed household members from STEP 1 and STEP 3.
- Enter the last four digits of your Social Security number (SSN). If no adult household member has a SSN, check the **NO SSN** box.

STEP 4: CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE – The application **must** be signed by an adult household member. Print the name of the adult signing the application, contact information, and today’s date.

OPTIONAL – CHILDREN’S ETHNIC AND RACIAL IDENTITIES

This field is optional to complete and does not affect your children’s eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. Please check the appropriate boxes.

INFORMATION STATEMENT

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced-price meals. You must include the last four digits of the SSN of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the SSN are not required when you list a CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have an SSN by selecting the checkbox. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE

Please contact Heidi McDonald, Director of Nutrition Services at: (562) 868-8241 ext. 2256 or by email at: hmcdonald@llcsd.net.

SUBMIT

Please submit a completed application to your child’s school or the Nutrition Services Department at the District office, 10515 S. Pioneer Blvd. Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670. You will be notified by mail or email if your application is approved or denied for free or reduced-price meals.

Sincerely,

Heidi McDonald,
Director of Nutrition Services
Little Lake City School District