

Breakfast and Lunch Free for All Students for Now

Dear Families:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced on August 31 that it would extend the flexible free school meals program helping to keep millions of kids fed amid the Corona Virus Pandemic at least through the autumn. Some of the options granted over the summer, including flexibility to allow parents to pick up meals at any school, even without the children present, had been set to expire August 31.

The statement said the millions of families that rely on the program would be able to do so until as late as the end of the year, depending on how long the funding lasts.

Even though the meals will be free right now, we will need to be ready to charge for meals in January unless families have submitted a valid free/reduced income application. The October 31 free and reduced numbers are important to our school district in calculation of foundation aid, Title I allocations, e-rate for technology grants, other grants.

If you would normally submit an application for free or reduced meals, or if your income is down this year, please consider filling out the income application. We do not need any check stubs or tax forms at this time. We will contact 3% of the eligible families for that documentation in early October. Family income under the amounts in the chart would be eligible for reduced price meals, possibly even free:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Each Additional Person:
Yearly	\$23,606	\$31,894	\$40,182	\$48,470	\$56,758	\$65,046	\$73,334	\$81,622	\$8,288
Monthly	\$1,968	\$2,658	\$3,349	\$4,040	\$4,730	\$5,421	\$6,112	\$6,802	\$691
2x per Month	\$984	\$1329	\$1675	\$2020	\$2,365	\$2,711	\$3,056	\$3,401	\$346
Every 2 Weeks	\$908	\$1227	\$1546	\$1865	\$2,183	\$2,502	\$2,821	\$3,140	\$319
Weekly	\$454	\$614	\$773	\$933	\$1,092	\$1,251	\$1,411	\$1,570	\$160

If you have other questions or need help, please call

Sincerely,



September 3, 2020

Beginning August 31, 2020, lunch is FREE to all Scranton Public School K-12 students. The USDA has granted a waiver extension for free meals until December 31, 2020. This means ALL students in K-12 will receive free lunches until December 31, 2020, regardless of their free/reduced status.

What you need to know:

- ~ You may continue to fill out free and reduced applications to ensure that your status will remain in January, 2021. **IF YOU HAVE ALREADY FILLED OUT AN APPLICATION AND BEEN CONSIDERED REDUCED OR DENIED, YOU WILL NOT BE CHARGED FOR MEALS UNTIL JANUARY, 2021.**
- ~ The free meal is intended to be a complete meal. Students wanting a milk only must pay .50 per milk.
- ~ Any money on your student's account will remain until charges begin again on January 1, 2021.