

THIS FALL, 'BACK TO SCHOOL' WILL ALSO MEAN 'BACK TO STUDENT MEAL RATES' FOR NUTRITIOUS SCHOOL MEALS

Schools will transition back to requiring family applications for free and reduced-price meals to meet USDA requirements.



Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Parent Should:

- Complete the Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals and return it to the school office. Schools will notify families if they are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Schools Will:

- Review applications and notify families of eligibility status.
- Automatically qualify students based on the household's participation in other state or federal programs such as SNAP.

CHECK WITH YOUR CHILD NUTRITION DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF YOU AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY.

Why is this change happening?

The federal government's pandemic-era waivers that granted free school meals for all students expire June 30, 2022. For the 2022-2023 school year schools will return to serving free and reduced-price meals based on the student's eligibility.



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