



# FREE & REDUCED

MEAL APPLICATIONS

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

# General Information about Free and Reduced

- All school districts are required to use a Free & Reduced application. **Discard all 2019-2020 applications.**
- Application colors: **English-Tan** & **Spanish-Blue**
- Children approved as Foster, Migrant, Homeless are categorically eligible for free meals.
- Meal statuses are valid for the entire school year.
- Parents may re-apply if their financial situation or household size changes throughout the year.

# Direct Certification

- Direct Certification identifies and approves students that receive FNS or Cash Assistance.
- We have certified **8,442** students as of July 17th for the 2020-21 school year.
- These students will receive meals at no cost.
- They are not required to complete an application.





# Summer Feeding Program & National School Lunch Program

## Summer Feeding Program

- **August 17-31**, all schools will be participating in the Summer Feeding Program.
- Meals will be at **NO COST** to students.
- The Summer Feeding Program will end on **Monday, August 31**.

## National School Lunch Program

- Starting **September 1**, all schools will be participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- Breakfast and Lunch will be charged according to the student's meal status.
- **New** for the 2020-21 school year only, students with a reduced status will eat lunch at **NO COST**.

# Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

- Students that attend CEP schools automatically receive free breakfast and lunch.
- No application is needed for students attending CEP schools.
- An application is needed for students that attend **non-CEP** schools.
- We have added **3** CEP schools this school year:  
**Ayden Elem., Ayden Middle, & Stokes**
- We have a total of **25** CEP schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

# Community Eligibility Provision(CEP) Schools 2020-2021

- Ayden Elem.
- Ayden Middle
- Ayden Grifton High
- Belvoir Elem.
- Bethel School
- C.M. Eppes Middle
- E.B. Aycock Middle
- ECU Community School
- Falkland Elem.
- Farmville Central High
- Farmville Middle
- Grifton School
- H.B. Sugg Elem.
- Innovation Early College
- Lakeforest Elem.
- North Pitt High
- Northwest Elem.
- Pactolus School
- PCS Early College
- Sadie Saulter
- Sam D. Bundy Elem.
- South Greenville Elem.
- Stokes School
- Wahl Coates Elem
- Wellcome Middle

SCHOOL MEALS  
ARE AVAILABLE TO  
ALL STUDENTS AT  
NO CHARGE!



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# CEP Students

- Students that attended a CEP school during the 2019-20 school year and are now enrolled in a Non-CEP school may have a denied status unless:
  - they have completed an application last school year or
  - they are directly certified.
- These students are eligible for the 30 day carryover period for the first 30 days of school, if they have not completed a new application.

# New or Transfer Students



- **New or transfer students** enrolling into Pitt County Schools must fill out a new Free & Reduced meal application in order to receive a meal status unless we can verify their status from another Local Education Agency (LEA). Please contact the School Nutrition office to inform us of new enrollees and transfer students.
- Students will pay full price until eligibility is determined by the School Nutrition office.



# Carry Over Meal Status

(Carry Over Period: August 17 – September 29)

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- Students can continue to eat on last year's meal status until **Tuesday, Sept. 29** or until a new application is approved by the School Nutrition office.
- A big misconception is that all students eat free for the first 30 days of school. This is **FALSE!**
- Students eat based on their last year's meal status or until a new application is approved by the School Nutrition office. This is **TRUE!**
- CEP schools are the only exception.



# Carry Over Meal Status Cut Off Date

(Wednesday, September 30, 2020)

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Beginning on **Wednesday, Sept. 30**, students that have not received an approval letter from the School Nutrition office will be required to pay full price for breakfast and lunch.

***The original value meal  
& still a fantastic deal!***

Breakfast

**\$1.00**

Lunch

**\$2.35**



 Just a reminder...

# Free & Reduced Application Reminders

- Only one application is needed per household.
- Free and Reduced meal benefits are for households that meet the eligibility requirements.
- Please do not send applications home with every student in your school.
- Meal statuses are valid for the entire school year.



# Free & Reduced Application Reminders

- Please make sure to check applications for completeness.
  - Accept only the **2020-2021** applications. **Discard all 2019-20 applications at your school.**
  - Make sure children and family members are listed.
  - Applications need a signature from the parent or guardian.
  - Households that check the FNS or Cash Assistance box need to include their case identification number.
  - Please do not fax applications to the SN office unless the student does not have a meal status.

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