



Media Release for Free and Reduced-Price Meals –School Year 2018-2019

Judson Independent School District is announcing its policy today for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

Starting on July 24, 2018 Judson Independent School District began accepting on-line applications and hard copy applications for the 2018-2019 school year. A new application must be completed each year to re-assess household size and income. Each school **and** the Child Nutrition Services office (210 School Street, Converse, TX 78109) have copies of the 2018-2019 Free and Reduced Price meal application packet available upon request. On-line applications can be accessed at <http://www.school lunchapp.com/>

Criteria for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits

The following criteria will be used to determine a child’s eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits:

Income

1. Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels

Reduced-Price meal Income Eligibility Guidelines					
Family Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$22,459	\$1,872	\$936	\$864	\$432
2	\$30,451	\$2,538	\$1,269	\$1,172	\$586
3	\$38,443	\$3,204	\$1,602	\$1,479	\$740
4	\$46,435	\$3,870	\$1,935	\$1,786	\$893
5	\$54,427	\$4,536	\$2,268	\$2,094	\$1,047
6	\$62,419	\$5,202	\$2,601	\$2,401	\$1,201
7	\$70,411	\$5,868	\$2,934	\$2,709	\$1,355
8	\$78,403	\$6,534	\$3,267	\$3,016	\$1,508
<i>For each additional family member add:</i>					
	+\$7,992	+\$666	+\$333	+\$308	+\$154

Categorical or Automatic Eligibility

2. Household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Program Participant

3. Child’s status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster
4. Child’s enrollment in Head Start or Even Start



Income Eligibility

For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must fill out free and reduced-price meal application and return it to your students' campus. Those individuals filling out the application will need to provide the following information:

1. Names of all household members
2. Amount, frequency, and source of current income for each household member
3. Last 4 digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or, if the adult does not have a social security number, check the box for "I do not have a Social Security number"
4. Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct

Categorical or Program Eligibility

Judson Independent School District Child Nutrition Services is working with local agencies to identify all children who are categorically and program eligible. Child Nutrition Services will notify the households of these children that they do not need to complete an application. Any household that does not receive a letter and feels it should have or wishes to decline benefits should contact Judson Independent School District Child Nutrition Services at 210-945-6720.

Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may also be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

Determining Eligibility

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Judson Independent School District Child Nutrition Services will review applications and determine eligibility. Households or guardians dissatisfied with the Reviewing Official's eligibility determination may wish to discuss the decision with the Reviewing Official on an informal basis. Households wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to:

Judson Independent School District Assistant Superintendent of Operations
8012 Shin Oak Drive
Live Oak, TX 78233

Unexpected Circumstances

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the attached current income eligibility guidelines.



Judson Independent School District Child Nutrition Services

210 School Street, San Antonio, TX 78109 (210) 945-6720

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