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## **Applications Again Required In Judson ISD For Free/Reduced School Meals** *Back to School and Back to Normal in the Cafeteria*

Live Oak, Texas — During the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress authorized spending that allowed schools to serve free meals for all students. Those funds are not authorized to continue for the 2022-2023 school year. As a result, Judson Independent School District must return to charging for school meals and offering free and reduced-price meals based on student eligibility. Judson ISD is distributing letters and applications to the households of the children in the district about eligibility benefits. Families at non-CEP schools are encouraged to complete the Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals, also available at <https://www.nlappscloud.com/>. Submit the completed form online or paper form to any school office.

The application will determine a child's eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and may assist in the determination of eligibility for other state or federal benefits. Only one application needs to be completed per household. Schools will notify the household of the child's eligibility. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) administers school nutrition programs in Texas and offers an eligibility calculator at [www.SquareMeals.org/ProgramEligibility](http://www.SquareMeals.org/ProgramEligibility).

Decisions regarding payment for school meals are made at the national-government level, not by the school nutrition team or TDA. The dedicated staff at Judson ISD Child Nutrition is looking forward to serving healthy, balanced meals to students in the new school year. These meals, whether paid, free, or reduced-price, offer a good source of nutrition for children.

### **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 Eligibility**

1. Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels
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**Income Eligibility Guidelines for Determining Free and Reduced-Price Benefits**

Effective from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

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	+\$6,136	+\$8,732	+\$512	+\$728	+\$256	+\$364	+\$236	+\$336	+\$118	+\$168

**Categorical or Automatic Eligibility**

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

**Program Participant Eligibility**

- Child’s status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster
- 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 the Judson ISD Child Nutrition Department or submit their form electronically at <https://www.nlappscloud.com/> . Those individuals filling out the application will need to provide the following information:

- Names of all household members
- Amount, frequency, and source of current income for each household member
- 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 “No Social Security number”
- Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct

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**Categorical or Program Participant Eligibility**

Judson Independent School District is working with local agencies to identify all children who are

categorically and program eligible. *Judson Independent School District* 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, or a household wishing to decline benefits, can 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 Deputy Superintendent of Finance and 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.

For media inquiries, contact Chief Communications Officer Nicole Taguinod at 210-945-5414.

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Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted 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; or

2. Fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3. Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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## **Judson ISD nuevamente requerirá que los padres llenen una solicitud para recibir comidas gratuitas y a precio reducido**

*De regreso a clases y de regreso a la normalidad en la Cafetería Escolar*

Live Oak, Texas-- Durante la pandemia de COVID-19, el Congreso autorizó fondos especiales a las escuelas para servir comidas gratuitas a todos los estudiantes. Estos fondos no estarán disponibles para el año escolar de 2022 al 2023. Como resultado, Judson Independent School District deberá volver a cobrar por las comidas escolares y ofrecer comidas gratuitas y a precio reducido en base a la elegibilidad del estudiante. A partir del August 8, 2022 Judson ISD enviará cartas y Solicitudes Para Recibir Comidas Escolares Gratuitas y a Precio Reducido explicando los beneficios de elegibilidad a los hogares de los estudiantes del distrito. Se invita a cada familia a completar la Solicitud Para Recibir Comidas Escolares Gratuitas y a Precio Reducido, también disponible en <https://www.nlappscloud.com/> a devolver la solicitud completa ya sea en línea o a cualquier oficina escolar.

La solicitud determinará la elegibilidad del niño para recibir ya sea comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido y puede ayudar a determinar su elegibilidad para recibir otros beneficios estatales o federales. Solo necesita presentar una solicitud por hogar. La escuela le notificará en cuanto a la elegibilidad del niño. El Departamento de Agricultura de Texas (TDA, por sus siglas en inglés) administra los programas de nutrición escolar en el estado de Texas y cuenta con una calculadora en [www.SquareMeals.org/ProgramEligibility](http://www.SquareMeals.org/ProgramEligibility) que le ayudará a calcular su elegibilidad.

Las decisiones con respecto al pago por las comidas escolares se toman a nivel nacional-gubernamental, y no por el equipo de nutrición escolar o incluso TDA. El personal dedicado de Judson Independent School District desea servir comidas saludables y balanceadas a los estudiantes este nuevo año escolar. Estas comidas, ya sean de pago, gratuitas o a precio reducido, ofrecen una buena fuente de nutrición para los niños.

### **Criterio para Recibir Comidas Escolares Gratuitas y a Precio Reducido**

Se utilizará el siguiente criterio para determinar la elegibilidad de un niño para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido:

#### **Elegibilidad por Ingresos**

1. Si los ingresos del hogar están en o por debajo del nivel de elegibilidad

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**Elegibilidad categórica o automática**

- Si el hogar del niño recibe ayuda del Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria (SNAP, por sus siglas en inglés), Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas (TANF, por sus siglas en inglés); o del Programa de Distribución de Alimentos en Reservas Indígenas (FDPIR, por sus siglas en inglés)

**Elegibilidad de los participantes del programa**

- Si el niño ha sido clasificado como niño de crianza temporal, carece de hogar, se escapó de casa, es migrante o ha sido desplazado por algún desastre declarado
- El niño está inscrito en un programa de Head Start o Even Start

**Elegibilidad de ingresos**

Para aquellos hogares que califican para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido en base a sus ingresos, un adulto en el hogar debe completar la Solicitud para Recibir Comida Gratuita y a Precio Reducido y devolverla a Judson ISD Child Nutrition Department at 210 School Street, Converse, TX 78109. El individuo que llene la solicitud deberán proporcionar la siguiente información:

- Nombres de todos los miembros del hogar
- Cantidad de pago, frecuencia de pago y fuente de ingresos actuales de cada miembro del hogar
- Los últimos 4 dígitos del número de Seguro Social del miembro adulto del hogar que firma la solicitud o, si el adulto no tiene un número de seguro social, marque la casilla de "No Social Security number (No tengo número de Seguro Social Estadounidense)"
- Firma de un miembro adulto del hogar que acredite que la información proporcionada es correcta

### **Elegibilidad categórica o participante del programa**

Judson Independent School District está trabajando con agencias locales para identificar a todos los niños que son categóricamente elegibles y elegibles para el programa. Judson Independent School District notificará a los hogares de estos niños que no es necesario que ellos presenten una solicitud. Cualquier hogar que no reciba esta carta y considere que debería de haberla recibido, puede comunicarse con Judson Independent School District Child Nutrition Services at 210-945-6720. Cualquier hogar que desee rechazar estos beneficios debe comunicarse con: Judson ISD Child Nutrition Services at 210-945-6720.

Las solicitudes se pueden presentar en cualquier momento durante el año escolar. La información que los hogares proporcionen en la solicitud se utilizará con el fin de determinar su elegibilidad. Las solicitudes también podrían ser verificadas por los funcionarios de la escuela en cualquier momento durante el año escolar.

### **Determinación de elegibilidad**

Bajo las disposiciones de la política de comidas gratuitas y a precio reducido, Judson Independent School District Child Nutrition Services revisará las solicitudes y determinará la elegibilidad. Los hogares o tutores insatisfechos con la determinación de elegibilidad del Oficial Revisor pueden discutir más a fondo la decisión con el Oficial Revisor de manera informal. Los hogares que deseen hacer una apelación formal para una audiencia sobre la decisión pueden presentar una solicitud oralmente o por escrito a:

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### **Circunstancias inesperadas**

Si un miembro del hogar queda desempleado o si el tamaño del hogar aumenta, la familia debe comunicarse con la escuela. Tales cambios podrían resultar en que los niños del hogar sean elegibles para recibir beneficios si los ingresos del hogar bajan y ahora están en o por debajo del nivel de elegibilidad según las tablas de elegibilidad de ingresos adjuntas.

Para los medios de comunicación: Comuníquese con Chief Communications Officer Nicole Taguinod at 210-945-5414.

En la operación cotidiana de los programas de alimentación infantil, ningún niño será discriminado por motivos de raza, sexo, color, origen nacional, edad o discapacidad. Esta institución es un proveedor de igualdad de oportunidades.