



Student Nutrition Department

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your children may qualify for free or reduced priced meals. Good nutrition is important to the health and wellbeing of our students. The Anchorage School District offers healthy meals every school day. Elementary breakfast costs \$2.75; Elementary lunch costs \$4.50. Middle School breakfast costs \$3.00; Middle School lunch costs \$5.00. High School breakfast costs \$3.25; High School lunch costs \$5.50. To see if your children qualify for Free or Reduced Priced meals, apply online by visiting www.nutrition.asdk12.org. If they qualify, their breakfasts and lunches could be free or reduced to \$0.30 for breakfasts and \$0.40 for lunches. If you are unable to apply online, you may request a paper application. Please note that paper applications can take more time to process and are prone to returns for incomplete information. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

- Who can get free or reduced-price meals?
 - a. Children in households receiving benefits from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals. Please forward a copy of your Direct Certification Letter to Student Nutrition at SNAdmin@asdk12.org, fax to 348-5218 or mail to 1307 Labar Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99515.
 - b. Foster children that are considered wards of the State are eligible.
 - c.

- Will the information I give be verified?

Yes, we may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

- How do I know if my children qualify as homeless, runaway or migrant?

- a. Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call the child in transition liaison at 742-3833 or visit the CIT website at <http://www.asdk12.org/CITH>.
- b. Households participating in personal subsistence fishing (salt and freshwater), clamming, crabbing, shrimping, commercial fishing, fish processing, logging, or agricultural work may visit the Migrant Education website to take a survey to screen for eligibility <https://www.asdk12.org/migrated> or call Migrant Education at (907)742-4275.

- How do I apply?

- I receive WIC: can my children get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible, please apply.
- If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?

Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year and as many times as you need as circumstances change. However, if approved you will not need to apply until the next school year.



<http://nutrition.asdk12.org>

The Anchorage School District has made it faster and easier for parents to apply for free and reduced meals. This free service enables families to receive program benefits faster than using the paper application. Your application is electronically submitted directly to the child nutrition office for processing.

