

## Lincoln Public Schools

### School Nutrition Public Release

The Lincoln Public Schools utilizes the website (<http://www.lincnet.org/>) to inform parents of the availability of the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs. The eligibility criteria for the free and reduced-price meals are embedded in the meal application and instructions.

Annually, we post these items on our website, at each school and office in the district, and mail them to homes when necessary. They are also provided to all new students with the opening packet. We also e-mail them home to new transfer families.

All families are notified that if they qualify through the Virtual Gateway, we will extend those benefits to all children within the household. We ask that they contact us with this information when they are informed that one or more children in the household have been determined eligible.

Lunch costs 3.00 for grades K-8. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$0.40 for lunch. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

#### 1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS?

- a. All children in households receiving benefits from MA SNAP or MA TANF are eligible for free meals.
- b. Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- c. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- d. Children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

If you have received a NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION from Lincoln Public School District for the 2019-2020 school year, you do not need to complete an

application. Please notify the school if any children in the household are not listed on the NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION letter you received.

Lincoln Public School District families who were eligible for free or reduced meals for 2018-2019 school year must submit new applications for their children on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to continue to receive free or reduced meals for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications are accepted at any time during the school year and will be effective when approved by the Food Service Office. Applications are available on the Lincoln Public School District website under Food Services <https://www.lincnet.org/Page/195> and are available at the main office of each school. If you would like to request an application be sent to you in the mail please contact your child’s school or call the Food Service Director’s office at 781.259.9400 x4306.

<b>FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2019-2020</b>			
<b>Household size</b>	<b>Yearly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
1	\$23,107	\$1,926	\$445
2	31,284	2,607	602
3	39,461	3,289	759
4	47,638	3,970	917
5	55,815	4,652	1,074
6	63,992	5,333	1,231
7	72,169	6,015	1,388
8	80,346	6,696	1,546
Each additional person:	+8,177	+682	+158

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Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

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