

Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines

(This form is for school personnel use only.)

Family income criteria to be used for the 2026-2027 school year for School Lunch, School Breakfast, or Special Milk Programs.

A. Scale for Free Meals or Free Milk

B. Scale for Reduced-Price Meals

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
1	20,748	1,729	865	798	399	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568
2	28,132	2,345	1,173	1,082	541	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770
3	35,516	2,960	1,480	1,366	683	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972
4	42,900	3,575	1,788	1,650	825	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175
5	50,284	4,191	2,096	1,934	967	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377
6	57,668	4,806	2,403	2,218	1,109	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579
7	65,052	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781
8	72,436	6,037	3,019	2,786	1,393	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983
	7,384	616	308	284	142	10,508	876	438	405	203

*For each additional household member add this amount.

All children from families at or below the income levels in Column A are eligible to receive meals, after school snack, or milk at no cost, if available (Special Milk Program only). Column A is used for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, or Special Milk Program.

In addition, Federal P.L. 94-105 makes mandatory the service of reduced-price meals to those children from families within the range of incomes in Column B. These children must be provided with lunches at a price not exceeding 40 cents. If the Breakfast Program or an after-school snack program is available, all children qualifying for free and reduced-price lunches will also qualify for free and reduced-price breakfasts and/or snack. The charge for a reduced-price breakfast may not exceed 30 cents; the charge for reduced price snack may not exceed 15 cents. Column B must therefore be used in providing reduced price meals.

INCOME TO REPORT

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance/Alimony/Child Support	Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income
- Salary, wages, cash bonuses, commission Net income from self-employment (farm or business) - Strike benefits, unemployment compensation If you are in the U.S. Military: - Basic pay and cash bonuses (<i>do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances</i>) - Allowances for off-base housing, food, and clothing	- Unemployment benefits - Worker's compensation - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - Cash assistance from State or local government - Alimony payments - Child support payments - Veteran's benefits - Pensions	- Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) - Private Pensions or disability benefits - Income from trusts or estates - Annuities - Investment income - Earned interest - Net Rental income <i>Regular</i> cash payments from outside household - Adoption assistance payments