

PRICING LETTER TO HOUSEHOLDS FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS 2018/2019 School Year: **COMPLETE** and **SIGN** the Free & Reduced **FAMILY** Meal Application, return to your school site. This Application cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information, **FAXED** or **SCANNED** copies will **NOT** be accepted. You may choose to apply on-line at [www.egusd.net](http://www.egusd.net)

**Dear Parent or Guardian:**

The Elk Grove Unified School District takes part in the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Programs. Meals are served every school day at participating schools. Students may buy lunch for \$2.75 at elementary sites and \$3.25 at secondary sites and/or breakfast for \$1.75 at elementary sites and \$2.00 at secondary sites (meals may be pre-paid in advance at all school sites or online at [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com)). Once approved your child is eligible for breakfast and lunch each school day. **To become eligible for free or reduced meals** (we will not be collecting money for reduced price meals), **please submit one (1) application per family. You or your children do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.** You may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but your income decreases, you lose your job or your family size becomes larger, or you become eligible for CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDIPIR benefits you may submit an application at that time.

**TERMS: "Household"** means a group of related or non-related individuals who are living as one economic unit and sharing living expenses. **"Living expenses"** include rent, clothes, food, doctor bills, utility bills, etc.

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN):** The Application must include the last four digits of the SSN of the adult who signs it. If the adult does not have a SSN, check the "I do not have a SSN box." If you have listed a CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDIPIR case number for the child, or if the application is for a **foster child**, a SSN is not required of the adult signing the Application.

**DIRECT CERTIFICATION:** Elk Grove Unified School District participates in Direct Certification. If your household currently receives benefits from one of the following programs: CalFresh (previously Food Stamps), California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). School officials will notify you of your children's eligibility for free meals. If you have not received a letter by July 30, 2017, please contact Food & Nutrition Services 685-7735 x78088. You may need to complete an Application.

**FOSTER CARE CHILDREN or CHILDREN PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE,** who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Households with foster/non-foster children are encouraged to complete an application, since foster children may be counted as a household member, which may help the foster family's non-foster children qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on the household size and income. If you choose to add both your foster/non-foster children on the application, you will need to report the foster/non-foster's income (personal income provided to the child or earned by the child) if any, and the foster parent signs the application and provides the last four digits of their SSN.

**MILITARY HOUSING INCOME:** If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative or get combat pay, DO NOT include these allowances as income. You do report any military benefits received in cash, such as housing allowances (off-base or general commercial/private real estate market), food, clothing and deployed service member's income made available by them or on their behalf to the household.

**INCOME FOR THE SELF-EMPLOYED:** Self-employed person may use last year's income as a basis to project their current year's NET income, unless your current net income provides a more accurate measure. The income to be reported is income derived from the business venture less operating costs incurred in the generation of that income. Deductions for personal expenses such as medical expenses and other non-business deductions are not allowed in reducing gross business income.

**A COMPLETE HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION:** The application cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information. If you do not enter a CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDIPIR case number on the application, you must complete the following:

**NOTE: You must complete an application with all household members and their income listed, for a child who is living with relatives or friends, whether or not the child is a ward of the court.**

**Section 1:** The names of ALL children in your household, name of the school or write "none" if not in school, their EGUSD student ID, date of birth, and grade. If student is a foster student check the foster child box.

**Section 2:** The names of all adults in the household, the amount of GROSS monthly income under proper source. If **No Income**, you **MUST** mark the "No Income Box." **DO NOT Leave Blank.**

**Section 3:** Enter CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDIPIR case number. Providing a single case number for any household member will establish eligibility for all children in the household.

**Section 4:** List the last 4 numbers of the social security number of the adult household member who signed the application or if the adult signing does not have a social security, indicate so by checking the box.

**MEALS for DISABLED:** If you believe your child needs a food substitute or texture modification because of a disability, please contact the school. A disabled child is entitled to a special meal at no extra charge if the disability prevents the child from eating the regular school meal.

**INFORMATION STATEMENT:** The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to provide the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced-priced meals. You must include the last four digits of the SSN of the adult household member who signs the Application. The last four digits of the SSN is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or when you list a CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDIPIR case number. Your family size, household income, and the last four digits of your SSN will remain confidential and will not be shared. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced-priced meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

**CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE SECTION 49557(a):** Children participating in the National School Lunch Program will not be overtly identified by the use of special tokens, special tickets, special serving lines, separate entrances, separate dining areas or any other means. They are treated in the same manner as children who pay full price for meals.

**VERIFICATION:** School officials may check the information on the Application at any time during the school year. You may be asked to send information to validate your income, or current eligibility for CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDIPIR benefits. For a foster child, you will need to provide written documentation that verifies the foster child is the legal responsibility of an agency/court or provide the name and contact information for a person at the agency/court who can verify that the child is a foster child.

**FAIR HEARING AND NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.) If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at [program.inlake@usda.gov](mailto:program.inlake@usda.gov). Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contract USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish).

**2018 / 2019 FEDERAL INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**  
Based on Earnings from work before deductions (include all jobs)

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	YEAR	MONTH	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEK
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.
For each additional family member add	\$ 7,992	\$ 666.	\$ 333.	\$ 308.	\$ 154.

\* A household of one means a foster child, an institutionalized child, or a pupil who is his/her sole support.

**Do you Need Assistance completing the Application or have questions?** Please contact Food & Nutrition Services staff at (916)686-7735 x78088, 8389 Gerber Road, Sacramento, CA 95828. **\*Students that were approved with EGUSD for the 2017-2018 meal program have up to 30 calendar day grace period for 2018-2019.**