

PUBLIC RELEASE
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS, SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

As children need healthy meals to learn, it is the policy of the **Wausau School District** to serve all students breakfast and lunch *free of charge* each school day. The Wausau School District is eligible to receive reimbursement for part of the cost of these meals through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI). For those students who qualify for free or reduced price meals, based on their household size and income level or due to receipt of FoodShare, FDIPIR, or W-2 cash benefits, DPI will reimburse the school at a higher rate.

The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility. Children from families whose annual income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk if a split-session student does not have access to the school lunch or breakfast service.

FAMILY SIZE INCOME SCALE
For Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Milk

Family (Household) Size	ANNUAL INCOME LEVEL			MONTHLY INCOME LEVEL		
	Free	Reduced Price		Free	Reduced Price	
	<i>Must be at or below figure listed</i>	<i>Must be at or between figures listed</i>		<i>Must be at or below figure listed</i>	<i>Must be at or between figures listed</i>	
1	\$14,157	\$ 14,157.01	and \$20,147	\$ 1,180	\$ 1,180.01	and \$1,679
2	19,123	19,123.01	and 27,214	1,594	1,594.01	and 2,268
3	24,089	24,089.01	and 34,281	2,008	2,008.01	and 2,857
4	29,055	29,055.01	and 41,348	2,422	2,422.01	and 3,446
5	34,021	34,021.01	and 48,415	2,836	2,836.01	and 4,035
6	38,987	38,987.01	and 55,482	3,249	3,249.01	and 4,624
7	43,953	43,953.01	and 62,549	3,663	3,663.01	and 5,213
8	48,919	48,919.01	and 69,616	4,077	4,077.01	and 5,802
For each additional household member, add	+ 4,966	+ 4,966	and +7,067	+ 414	+ 414	and + 589

Application forms have been sent home with a notice to parents or guardians. Many of those applications have been approved and parents have been notified of their eligibility. However, if you haven't applied and think you would qualify, please call the food service office at 745-261-0805. To apply for free or reduced price meals or free milk, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the Food Service Office and office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

To obtain free or reduced price meals or free milk for children for whom households receive FoodShare FDIPIR, or Wisconsin Works (W-2) cash benefits, an adult member needs only to list the names of the school children, give FoodShare, FDIPIR or W-2 case number for each child, sign his/her name and return the application to the school office.

For the school officials to determine eligibility for free or reduced price meals or free milk of households not receiving FoodShare, FDIPIR or W-2, the household must provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. In lieu of a social security number, the household may indicate that the signer does not possess a social security number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, welfare, child support, etc.).

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price meal and free milk policy, (*Title of Determining Official*) Jeff Urbans, Food Service Supervisor, 715-261-0805 . Will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: *Roxanne Sladek, Food Service Director, 715-261-0809*. If a hearing is needed to appeal the decision, the policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the food service office at 715-261-0805. Such changes may make the household eligible for reduced price meals or free meals or free milk if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above, and they may reapply at that time.

Children formally placed in foster care are also eligible for free meal benefits. Foster children may be certified as eligible without a household application. Households with foster children and non-foster children may choose to include the foster child as a household member, as well as any personal income available to the foster child, on the same application that includes their non-foster children.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. Public Law 103-448 does authorize the release of student free and reduced price school meal eligibility status to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs.

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official.

School Breakfast Programs are offered at all schools in the Wausau School District. Contact your child's school for serving times and location.