



Jack D. Dale, Superintendent

FAIRFAX COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Fairfax County Public Schools provides a variety of nutritious lunches. Lunch prices will be \$2.65 for elementary students, \$2.75 for middle, high, and secondary school students. Breakfast, where offered is priced at \$1.50. Meals are also available free or at a reduced price.

All meals served must meet standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. However, if a child has been determined by a doctor to be disabled and the disability prevents this child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is prescribed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. If your child needs substitutions because of a disability, contact the Office of Food and Nutrition Services at 703-813-4800.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR 2009-2010

Children who are members of a household that meet federal income guidelines which are shown on the scale below may be eligible for free lunch and breakfast or for lunch at the reduced price of 40 cents and breakfast at the reduced price of 30 cents. Children who are members of a household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, (formerly the Food Stamps Program) or who receive Temporary Assistance for Need Families (TANF) are eligible for free meals regardless of income. Children who are members of households participating in WIC may also be eligible for free or reduced priced meals based on the household's income. Please refer to application instructions regarding foster children.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$ 386
2	\$26,955	\$2,247	\$ 519
3	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$ 652
4	\$40,793	\$3,400	\$ 785
5	\$47,712	\$3,976	\$ 918
6	\$54,631	\$4,553	\$1,051
7	\$61,550	\$5,130	\$1,184
8	\$68,469	\$5,706	\$1,317
For each additional family member, add:	\$ 6,919	\$ 577	\$ 134

Households that are receiving SNAP benefits or TANF for their children may not have to fill out an application. School officials will notify you of your child(ren)'s eligibility and they will be provided free benefits, unless you tell the school that you do not want benefits. If you are not notified by August 19, 2009 submit an application. The application must contain the child's name, the SNAP or TANF number, and the signature of an adult household member.

If you are eligible and feel a need for such assistance, complete the confidential household application and **return it in the pre-addressed envelope to the Office of Food and Nutrition Services, 6840 Industrial Road, Springfield, Virginia, 22151.** You may apply for free and reduced price meals any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but later have a decrease in household income, become unemployed, or a change in household or family size, complete an application at that time. An application that is not complete cannot be approved. An application that is not signed is not complete.

Your child(ren) may be eligible for other benefits such as the Virginia children's health insurance program called Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) and/or Medicaid. The law allows the school division to share your free and reduced price meal eligibility information with Medicaid and FAMIS. These programs can only use the information to identify children who may be eligible for free or low-cost health insurance, and to enroll them into either Medicaid or FAMIS. These agencies are not allowed to use the information from your free or reduced price meal application for any other purpose. Medicaid officials or officials with FAMIS may contact you to get more information. You are not required to allow us to share this information with the Medicaid or FAMIS program. Your decision will not affect your children's eligibility for free and reduced price meals.

The Office of Food and Nutrition Services may check the information on the application at any time during the school year. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used only to determine eligibility and to verify data. As authorized by the National School Lunch Act, the school division may inform officials connected with other child nutrition, health, and education programs of the information on your application to determine benefits for those programs or for the funding and/or evaluation purposes.

You will be notified by letter of the approval or denial of this application. If you do not agree with the decision on your application or the result of the verification, you may contact the coordinator, administrative services, at telephone 703-813-4800. You also have the right to a fair hearing. This can be arranged by writing Ms. Penny McConnell, R.D., director, Office of Food and Nutrition Services, 6840 Industrial Road, Springfield, Virginia, 22151. If you need assistance with completing this application or have questions, contact the Office of Food and Nutrition Services at 703-813-4800.

Sincerely,  
  
Jack D. Dale  
Superintendent of Schools

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