



JEFFERSON C-123 SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The school's food service policy is for students and staff to have positive balances in their account in order to retain full food service privileges. This includes full and reduced priced meals and all ala carte items. Milk or food items that do not accompany a meal is considered ala carte, as is extras ordered with a meal.

Account balances and details may be viewed by logging into the "Parent Portal" link on the school's website (www.jeffersonc123.org). For parent portal logon information, contact the school at 944-2316.

Below is a price chart to help figure payment calculations.

| Food Service | Daily | Weekly (5 days) | Monthly (20 days) |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Breakfast-Student | \$1.30 | \$6.50 | \$26.00 |
| Breakfast-Reduced | \$0.30 | \$1.50 | \$6.00 |
| Lunch-Elementary Student | \$2.30 | \$11.50 | \$46.00 |
| Lunch-JH/HS Student | \$2.40 | \$12.00 | \$48.00 |
| Lunch-Reduced | \$0.40 | \$2.00 | \$8.00 |
| Breakfast-Adult | \$1.55 | \$7.75 | 31.00 |
| Lunch-Adult | \$3.00 | \$14.00 | \$56.00 |
| Extra Entrée | \$1.00 | \$5.00 | \$20.00 |
| Extra Milk | \$0.40 | \$2.00 | \$8.00 |
| Ala Carte (snacks) | \$0.50-\$1.50 | \$2.50-\$7.50 | \$10.00-\$30.00 |

If the Free and Reduced Lunch Price School Meals application is not attached, it can be found on the school's website at www.jeffersonc123.org.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at 944-2316.

Sincerely,

Tim Jermain
 Superintendent

LETTER TO PARENTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Jefferson C-123 school offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.30; lunch costs \$2.30 for elementary and \$2.40 for high school lunches. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from the Food Stamp Program/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPPIR) or Temporary Assistance/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- 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.

| Household Size | Annually | Monthly | Weekly |
|---------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| 1 | \$23,606 | \$1,968 | \$454 |
| 2 | 31,894 | 2,658 | 614 |
| 3 | 40,182 | 3,349 | 773 |
| 4 | 48,470 | 4,040 | 933 |
| 5 | 56,758 | 4,730 | 1,092 |
| 6 | 65,046 | 5,421 | 1,251 |
| 7 | 73,334 | 6,112 | 1,411 |
| 8 | 81,622 | 6,802 | 1,570 |
| For each add'l person add | + 8,288 | + 691 | + 160 |

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail 660-944-2316; cburch@jc123.k12.mo.us.

3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one *Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household*. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Jefferson C-123 School, 37614 US Hwy 136, Conception Jct., MO 64434.

4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Jefferson C-123 School; 660-944-2316 immediately.

5. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

6. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.

7. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

8. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

9. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Jefferson C-123 School; 660-944-2316.**

10. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.

11. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

12. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.

13. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or receive Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

14. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact **Jefferson C-13 School to receive a second application.**

15. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for the Food Stamp Program/SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-855-373-4636.

If you have other questions or need help, call **660-944-2316.**

Sincerely,



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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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INSTRUCTIONS Sources of Income

Sources of Income for Children

| Sources of Child Income | Example(s) |
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| - Earnings from work | - A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages |
| - Social Security | - A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits |
| - Disability Payments | - A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits |
| - Survivor's Benefits | - A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money |
| - Income from person outside the household | - A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust |
| - Income from any other source | |

Sources of Income for Adults

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

OPTIONAL Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If ethnicity/race is not selected, a visual identification will be determined.

Ethnicity (check one): Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino
 Race (check one or more): American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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