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## Prepare • Challenge • Empower

Together with our community
Preparing students for a changing world
Challenging students to grow
Empowering students to achieve with purpose

## **BREAKFAST/LUNCH CHARGE POLICY for 2022-2023**

The USDA has suspended Free Meals for All Students for the 2022-2023 school year. Therefore previous Breakfast/Lunch Charge policies will resume.

The district-wide cost for a regular breakfast is \$1.75 for students and \$0.30 for those paying the reduced-price. The cost of a lunch is \$3.00 for grades PreK-8th and \$3.25 for grades 9-12. The reduced-price lunch for all grades is \$0.40 and milk is \$0.50. Students who qualify for "free" receive both breakfast and lunch at no cost. If a student is not to receive breakfast, please notify the cashier of this request in writing.

In order to qualify for free and reduced-price meals for the 2022-2023 school year families must complete the attached Free and Reduced-Price Meals application or fill out the online application at <a href="https://www.payschoolscentral.com">www.payschoolscentral.com</a>. An account will need to be set up to use this website. Students <a href="https://will.not">will not</a> be personally identified as free or reduced-price when going through the meal line as the process is discreet. If there is a change in financial status during the year, please do not hesitate to fill out an application; a change in status application can be completed at any time.

Those who already qualify for free and reduced-price meals will receive a letter prior to the start of the school year. If a letter is **not** received, an application must be completed by **October 18. 2022** to continue the qualification for free and reduced-priced breakfast/lunch beyond that date.

If a charge is made on an account due to inadequate funds, the parent/guardian is responsible for payment. Payment can be made by cash, check, or online at <a href="www.payschoolscentral.com">www.payschoolscentral.com</a>. If paying by check or cash, please send it in a sealed envelope with the student's name and student ID number to avoid confusion. This website is a great tracking tool to monitor account balances and purchases, even if not paying online.

A la carte items will be charged full price despite free/reduced qualification. Meals and a la carte will not be charged to elementary student accounts unless it is authorized by a parent/guardian. Middle and high school student accounts have the ability to have charge limits set. Please be sure to contact the school by phone or in writing with specific requests.

If a student charges more than \$10.00 to an account, a letter will be sent to the parent/guardian requesting immediate payment. Students are not permitted to purchase extras or a la carte items if they have accrued a negative balance at any time, even if they have cash in hand. Any extra money given to the cashier will be applied to negative balances. No account charges are permitted the final two weeks of school. At the end of each semester delinquent accounts greater than \$10.00 will be applied to the student's school fees which must be paid in full in order to fulfill all graduation activities. If the parent/guardian is unable to make an account current, please consider having your student pack his/her breakfast and or lunch to avoid additional charges.

If you have any questions about the Free and Reduced-Price Meals application or about your student's account contact Beverly Wasserbeck, Food Service Director at 740-943-1604 or email at <a href="mailto:bwasserbeck@nu-district.org">bwasserbeck@nu-district.org</a>.

# Does your child qualify for the School Meals Program? If so, your family may qualify for free health coverage!







## Healthy Start & Healthy Families

Healthy Start offers free health care coverage for kids (birth to age 19) and pregnant women.

Healthy Families offers free health care coverage for the entire family - parents AND kids.

Healthy Start & Healthy Families Covers:

Doctor Visits Hospital Care Immunizations Substance Abuse Prescriptions Vision Services Dental Care Mental Health

And Much Morel

For more information or an application, call: 1-800-324-8680 (a free call!)

TDD 1-800-292-3572

Monday - Friday 7 am to 8 pm Saturday - Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm

**Healthy Start** 

from family's size and income determines if you and your family are eligible for Healthy Start or Healthy Families.

Healthy Start & Healthy Families like Medicaid Programs administered by Title Ohio Department of Job & Family Services.

## Frequently Asked Questions About Free and Reduced-Price School Meals

#### Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. The North Union Schools offers healthy meals each school day. Breakfast costs \$1.75 and lunch costs \$3.00 for PreK -5 and \$3.25 for 6-12. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits and detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. Who can receive free or reduced-price meals? All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Ohio Works First (OWF); foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court; children participating in their school's Head Start program; and children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. Also, your children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is within the federal income eligibility guidelines limits.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES 2022-2023							
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly				
1	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$484				
2	33,874	2,823	652				
3	42,606	3,551	820				
4	51,338	4,279	988				
5	60,070	5,006	1,156				
6	68,802	5,734	1,324				
7	77,534	6,462	1,492				
8	86,266	7,189	1,659				
Each additional Person:	8,732	728	168				

- 2. How do I know if my children qualify as homeless, migrant or runaway? If members of your household lack a permanent address; are staying together in a shelter, hotel or other temporary housing arrangement; relocate on a seasonal basis or; children live with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household then the children may qualify as homeless, migrant or runaway. If you have not been told your children will receive free meals, please call or email Ilene Micha at imicha@nu-district.org or 740-943-1910 to see if they qualify.
- Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Use one free and reduced-price school meal application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete. Please submit all required information. Return the completed application to Bev Wasserbeck at 12920 State Route 739 Richwood, Ohio 43344,or email at bwasserbeck@nu-district.org or call 740-943-1604.
- 4. Should I complete an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are approved already for free meals? No, but please read the letter carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from the eligibility notification, contact Bev Wasserbeck at 12920 State Route 739 Richwood, Ohio 43344,or email at bwasserbeck@nu-district.org or call 740-943-1604. immediately.
- 5. Can I apply online? Yes. If possible, you are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application. The online application requirements are the same and will request the same information as the paper application. Visit <a href="www.payschoolscentral.com">www.payschoolscentral.com</a> to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact Bev Wasserbeck at 12920 State Route 739 Richwood, Ohio 43344,or email at <a href="https://www.bayschoolscentral.com">bwasserbeck@nu-district.org</a> or call 740-943-1604 any questions about the online application.
- 6. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to complete another application? Yes. Your child's application is valid for that school year and for the start of this school year. You are required to submit a new application unless the school notified you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

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- I receive Women, Infants and Children (WIC) benefits. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC <u>may</u> be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please submit a completed application.
- 8. Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we also may ask you to send written proof.
- 9. If I do not 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.
- 10. 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 the following contact person Bev Wasserbeck at 12920 State Route 739 Richwood, Ohio 43344,or email at bwasserbeck@nu-district.org or call 740-943-1604..
- 11. **May I apply if someone else in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.
- 12. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1,000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, submit the report with the routine amount of \$1,000 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.
- 13. What if some household members have no income to report? Household members may not receive some types of income that are asked for you to report on the application or may not receive income at all. When this happens, please write a 0 in the corresponding field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those also will be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank.
- 14. 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, it also must 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 also is excluded from income.
- 15. What if there is not 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 Bev Wasserbeck at 12920 State Route 739 Richwood, Ohio 43344,or email at <a href="mailto:bwasserbeck@nu-district.org">bwasserbeck@nu-district.org</a> or call 740-943-1604. to receive a second application.
- 16. Why am I being asked to give my consent for an instructional fee waiver? Ohio public schools are required to waive the school instructional fees for children that quality for free meal benefits. School food service personnel must have parent consent to share the student meal application if your child(ren) quality for a fee waiver. If you agree to allow your child(ren)'s meal application to be shared with school officials to see if they qualify for a fee waiver then select yes in part 5. If you do not wish for that information to be shared, then select no in part 5. Answering no to this question will mean your child will not be considered for a fee waiver. Answering this question either way will not change your child(ren)'s free or reduced-price meal eligibility.
- 17. **My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?** To find out how to apply for Ohio Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 877-852-0010.

If you have other questions or need help, call Bev Wasserbeck at **(740) 943-1604**. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: Bev Wasserbeck at **(740) 943-1604**]. Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: Bev Wasserbeck at **(740) 943-1604** 

Sincerely,

Bev Wasserbeck

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING

## A household member is any child or adult living with you.

## IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES BENEFITS FROM THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) OR OHIO WORKS FIRST (OWF), FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Part 1: List all household members and the school name and grade level for each child.

Part 2: List the 7-digit case number for any household member (including adults) receiving SNAP or OWF benefits.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Answer yes or no and sign your name if you would like the application to be checked by school officials to determine if the child(ren) qualifies for a school instructional fee waiver.

Part 6: Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are not necessary.

Part 7: 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 NO ONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES SNAP OR OWF BENEFITS AND IF ANY CHILD IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS HOMELESS, MIGRANT OR RUNAWAY, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Part 1; List all household members and the school name and school grade level for each child.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway, check the appropriate box and call Ilene Micha at imicha@nu-district.org or 740-943-1910. If not, skip this part.

Part 4: Complete only if a child in your household is not eligible under Part 3. See Instruction for all other households.

Part 5: Answer yes or no and sign your name if you would like the application to be checked by school officials to determine if the child(ren) qualifies for a school instructional fee waiver.

Part 6: Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are not necessary if you did not need to complete in part 4. Part 7: 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 YOU APPLY FOR A FOSTER CHILD, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

## If all children in the household are foster children:

Part 1: List all foster children and the school name and grade level for each child. Check the box that indicates the child is a foster child.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Answer yes or no and sign your name if you would like the application to be checked by school officials to determine if the child(ren) qualifies for a school instructional fee waiver.

Part 6: Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are not necessary.

Part 7: 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 some children in the household are foster children:

Part 1: List all household members and the school name and school grade level for each child. For any person, including children, with no income, you must check the "No Income" box. Check the box if the child is a foster child.

Part 2: If the household does not have a 7-digit SNAP or OWF case number, skip this part.

Part 3: If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call Ilene Micha at imicha@nu-district.org or 740-943-1910. If not, skip this part.

Part 4: Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month.

Box 1-Name: List all household members with income.

Box 2 -Gross Income and how often it was received: For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. Check the appropriate box to note how often the person receives the income - weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly. For earnings, list the gross income - not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions and can be found on pay stubs. For other income, list the amount and check the box to note how often each person received assistance from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), and disability benefits. Under All Other Income, list Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household and any other income. Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, federal education benefits and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. For ONLY the self-employed, report income after expenses under Earnings from Work. This is for your business, farm, or rental property. If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or receive combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.

Part 5: Answer yes or no and sign your name if you would like the application to be checked by school officials to determine if the child(ren) qualifies for a school instructional fee waiver.

Part 6: Adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (or mark the box if he or she does not have one).

Part 7: 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.

## ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS (INCLUDING WIC HOUSEHOLDS) FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

- Part 1: List all household members and the school name and grade level for each child. For any person, including children, with no income, you must check the "No Income Box."
- Part 2: If the household does not have a 7-digit SNAP or OWF case number, skip this part.
- Part 3: If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and **liene Micha at** imicha@nu-district.org or 740-943-1910]. If not, skip this part.
- Part 4: Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month.
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  - Box 2 –Gross Income and how often it was received: For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. Check the box to note how often the person receives the income weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly. For earnings, be sure to list the gross income not take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions and can be found on pay stubs. For other income, list the amount and check the box to note how often each person received assistance from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), and disability benefits. Under All Other Income, list Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household and any other income. Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, federal education benefits and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. For ONLY the self-employed, report income after expenses under Eamings from Work. This is for your business, farm, or rental property. If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or receive combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.
- Part 5: Answer yes or no and sign your name if you would like the application to be checked by school officials to determine if the child(ren) qualifies for a school instructional fee waiver.
- Part 6: An adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (or mark the box if he or she does not have one).
- Part 7: 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.

## 2022-2023 FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION

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Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You are not required to provide information, but if information is not provided, the state agency 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), Ohio Works First (OWF) case number or other 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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(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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