

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Select schools in the Wake County Public School System qualify for a special meal provision called the **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**. CEP schools serve nourishing, healthy meals to all enrolled students at no cost to the household without collecting household income applications. **If your student enrolled at one of the CEP schools listed below will receive their breakfast and lunch daily at no cost for the 2025-2026 school year. You do not need to complete a meal benefits income application for this student to receive free meals.**

Elementary Schools: Aversboro ES, Barwell ES, Beaverdam ES, Brentwood ES, Bugg ES, Carver ES, Creech Road ES, East Garner ES, Forestville ES, Fox Road ES, Green ES, Hodge Road ES, Knightdale ES, Lockhart ES, Millbrook ES & Early Learning Center, River Bend ES, Rogers Lane ES, Smith ES, Southeast Raleigh ES, Timber Drive ES, Vandora Springs ES, Walnut Creek ES, Wakelon ES, Wendell ES, Wilburn ES, Wildwood Forest ES, Yates Mill ES, Zebulon ES

Middle Schools: Centennial MS, Connections Academy, East Garner MS, East Millbrook MS, Mount Vernon MS, Neuse River MS, N. Garner MS, River Bend MS, River Oaks MS, Wendell MS, Zebulon MS

High Schools: Longview HS, Phillips HS, SCORE Academy, Southeast Raleigh HS

Instructions for completing a 2025-2026 WCPSS FREE AND REDUCED MEAL BENEFITS APPLICATION 2025-2026

You may Apply ONLINE at www.MySchoolApps.com or complete a paper application and MAIL TO: Child Nutrition Services at 1551 Rock Quarry Road Raleigh, NC 27610. **Questions?** 919) 588-3535 or 919) 856-2920 or cnsmealbenefits@wcpss.net

Sources of Income for CHILDREN/STUDENTS		
Sources of Income	Examples	
-Earnings from work	-A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages	
-Social Security -Disability Payments -Survivor's Benefits	-A child is blind or disabled and Receives Social Security benefits -A Parent is disabled, retired or deceased and their child receives Social Security benefits	
-Income from any other source	-A child receives regular income from a private Pension fund, annuity or trust	
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 US 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 -Alimony 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
Weekly= Once per Week Bi-Weekly= Every two (2) weeks Bi-Monthly= Twice per month Monthly= Once per month Annually= Total salary per year		

FEDERAL INCOME CHART					
Effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026					
Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	2x Month	Every Two Wks	Weekly
1	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$1,207	\$1,114	\$557
2	\$39,128	\$3,261	\$1,631	\$1,505	\$753
3	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$2,055	\$1,897	\$949
4	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$2,479	\$2,288	\$1,144
5	\$69,653	\$5,805	\$2,903	\$2,679	\$1,340
6	\$79,828	\$6,653	\$3,327	\$3,071	\$1,536
7	\$90,003	\$7,501	\$3,751	\$3,462	\$1,731
8	\$100,178	\$8,349	\$4,175	\$3,853	\$1,927
Each additional person:	\$10,175	\$848	\$424	\$392	\$196

INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT APPLICATIONS WILL DELAY MEAL BENEFITS. Until your application is processed, you will need to provide your child(ren) with money to purchase school meals. Breakfast costs **\$2.00 (K-5)**, **\$2.25 (6-12)**; lunch costs **\$3.75 (K-5)**, **\$4.00 (6-12)**. You will be notified by mail or email when the application has been processed. **PLEASE ALLOW 10 WORKING DAYS FOR ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION.** A child who is determined eligible for free or reduced- price meals will remain eligible for the entire school year and the first 30 days of the next school year unless a redetermination is made through the verification process.

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. In accordance with federal civil rights law and USDA civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the state or local agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, [AD-3027](#), found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: **Mail:** U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Mail Stop 9410, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; **Fax:** (202) 690-7442; or **Email:** program.intake@usda.gov.