

Media Release Las Cruces Public Schools Community Eligibility Provision

Las Cruces Public Schools is participating in the Universal Breakfast and Lunch Program for the 2019-2020 school year. If your children attend any of the schools listed below, breakfast/lunch will be available at no charge.

Studies have shown that children who are not hungry perform better in school. By providing breakfast/lunch to all children at no charge, we are hoping to create a better learning environment for our students.

The School Breakfast and Lunch Programs cannot succeed without your support. Please encourage your children to participate in the school meal program and enjoy tasty nutritious meals. Breakfast and lunch are served following U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for healthy school meals at no charge -- regardless of eligibility status.

Elementary Schools: Alameda, BT Washington, Central, Cesar Chavez, Columbia, Conlee, Desert Hills, Dona Ana, East Picacho, Fairacres, Hermosa Heights, Highland, Hillrise, Jornada, Loma Heights, MacArthur, Mesilla, Mesilla Park, Monte Vista, Sonoma, Sunrise, Tombaugh, University Hills, Valley View, White Sands

Middle Schools: Camino Real, Lynn, Mesilla Valley Leadership Academy, Mesa, Picacho, Sierra, Vista and Zia

High Schools: Rio Grande Preparatory Institute

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