



**WHITING CAFETERIA
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Dear School City of Whiting parents,

The USDA has approved a meal waiver for the 2021-2022 school year. This means that breakfast and lunch will be free to all Whiting students for this school year. However, a new 2021-2022 free and reduced application needs to be filled out and approved to receive textbook assistance and to receive P-EBT benefits. A new application must be submitted for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have not completed one for this school year, please do so before September 28th. The online application is the fastest and easiest way to apply for free and reduced benefits. The 2021-2022 free and reduced application is available online at the school website www.whiting.k12.in.us on the main page of the website.

If you have any questions or need assistance in filling out the 2021-2022 free and reduced application, please contact the food service office at 219-473-0961.

Christine Lerma, Director of Food Services

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