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WELDON VALLEY

SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-20J

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Weldon Valley School District Free and Reduced- Price School Meals School Year 2021-2022

Dear Weldon Valley School Families,

Please read over the information and the application listed on the following pages. You can print off the application and bring it into the school, send it by e-mail, or come pick up a hard copy in the front office. Please note that this year all students fall under the same rules as last year and school meals are available for all students from free.

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Weldon Valley School District

Information about Applying for Free or Reduced-Price School Meals

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Weldon Valley School** offers healthy meals every school day. This Year, Breakfast and Lunch will be free to all students. **Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price school meals which can lead to PEBT money and other resources.** Students in all grades that qualify for free or reduced-price meals will receive breakfast and lunch at no charge.

Below are 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), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF/Colorado Works – Basic Cash Assistance or State Diversion), 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. Foster children may be added as a household member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to apply. Including foster children as household members may help other children qualify for benefits. If the foster family is not eligible, it does not prevent a foster child from receiving benefits.
- Children who qualify for their districts 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.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2021 – 2022			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$23,828	\$1,986	\$459
2	\$32,227	\$2,686	\$620
3	\$40,626	\$3,386	\$782
4	\$49,025	\$4,086	\$943
5	\$57,424	\$4,786	\$1,105
6	\$65,823	\$5,486	\$1,266
7	\$74,222	\$6,186	\$1,428
8	\$82,621	\$6,886	\$1,589
Each additional person:	\$8,399	\$700	\$162

- 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 have not already been notified that your children will receive free meals, please call or e-mail **Krista Dunn -970-645-2411, or kdunn@weldonvalley.org**
- 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: **Krista Dunn -970-645-2411, or kdunn@weldonvalley.org**
- 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 received carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household are missing from your eligibility notification, contact **Krista Dunn -970-645-2411, or kdunn@weldonvalley.org** 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 valid for that school year and for the first 30 days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school notified you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
6. I RECEIVE WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN RECEIVE FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in a completed free and reduced-price school meal application.
7. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? You may be selected to provide written proof of the household income you report on the application.
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 **Krista Dunn -970-645-2411, or kdunn@weldonvalley.org**
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. Immigration, migrant, citizenship or refugee status is not required to be provided during the application process, and families should continue to apply for free or reduced-price school meals. The application does require the last four numbers of a Social Security number or an indication that there is no Social Security number. Social Security number information is not reported to any organization outside of **Weldon Valley School District**.
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. The last four digits of the Social Security Number of an adult household member (or an indication of "none") is required to process a complete income application.
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. The last four digits of the Social Security Number of an adult household member (or an indication of "none") is required to process a complete income application.
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 **Krista Dunn -970-645-2411, or kdunn@weldonvalley.org** 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 other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office. Colorado PEAK is an online service to screen and apply for medical, food and cash assistance programs. It can be accessed at <http://coloradopeak.force.com/>.

If you have other questions or need help, contact **Krista Dunn -970-645-2411, or kdunn@weldonvalley.org**
Sincerely,

Non-discrimination Statement:

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, 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:

- (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.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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.

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

You may also qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program! See more information below.

NEED HELP BUYING GROCERIES?

- Receive one-on-one assistance with applying for food stamps
- Referrals to food pantries and free meals
- Get information on child and senior nutrition programs

Food Resource Hotline

CALL US TODAY! STATEWIDE TOLL-FREE 855-855-4626
 METRO DENVER 720-382-2920

¿NO LE ALCANZA EL DINERO PARA COMPRAR COMIDA?

- Reciba ayuda personalizada para solicitar las estampillas de comida
- Derivaciones a bancos de comida y comidas gratis
- Obtenga información sobre programas de nutrición para niños y ancianos

Línea Directa de Recursos de Comidas
 LLAMENOS HOY! LINEA ESTATAL 855-855-4626
 METRO DENVER 720-382-2920

HUNGER HungerFreeColorado.org



Colorado PEAK is an online service for Coloradans to screen and apply for medical, food and cash assistance programs.

Visit coloradopeak.force.com to learn more.

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 submit all needed information, 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 primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. 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.

DISTRICT USE ONLY. DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52; Bi-Weekly x 26; 2 Times per Month x 24; Monthly x 12

Application Type: ☐ Total Household Income: \$ _____ Household Size: _____
 Household Income Frequency: ☐ Weekly ☐ Bi-Weekly ☐ 2x/Month ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually

☐ Categorical Eligibility - ☐ SNAP ☐ FDPIR ☐ TANF ☐ Foster
☐ Homeless/Migrant/Runaway/Head Start

Application Status: ☐ Approved - ☐ Free ☐ Reduced
 Denied - ☐ Over Income Guidelines ☐ Incomplete/Missing: _____
 Notes: _____

Determining Official Signature: _____

Approval/Denial Date: _____

Notification Sent: _____

Complete one application per household. Please use a black or blue pen (not a pencil).

Birth Date

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Check all that
apply. Read
How to Apply
for Free and
Reduced-
Price School
Meals for
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information.

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF/Colorado Works – Basic Cash Assistance or State Diversion), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). **Provide case number and skip to Step 4.**

TANF Case Number

Please include the **TOTAL** income, if any, received by all students listed above.

Student Income	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Annually
\$	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In the spaces below list all other household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each household member listed, if they do receive income, report **TOTAL GROSS INCOME (BEFORE TAXES AND OTHER DEDUCTIONS)** for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying that there is no income to report.

How Often?

How Often?

Last four digits of Social Security Number (SSN) or mark "no SSN" of adult signing this form only if Step 3B has been completed.

Check box if no SSN ☐

if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws "

Mailing Address or PO Box		Apt. # or Lot #		City		State		Zip Code		Email Address	
						CO					

SIGNATURE of Adult Household Member (Required)

Today's Date _____

Do NOT share my information with the programs I have checked:

The information provided on this application will be used in conjunction with state educational programs and may be shared with Medicaid or State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) meals this information may be shared with the school/district for purposes of waiving school/district program fees that your child(ren) might otherwise be required to pay. The school/district is not required to consent to the release of your information; this will not affect your student(s) eligibility for school meals. ***Your information WILL be shared unless you check one of the boxes below.***

☐ Advanced Placement (AP) Exam and/or (AP) Book Fees
 ☐ Accelerate College Opportunity Exam and/or Book Fees