

**PUBLIC RELEASE**

Due to regulations, all school food authorities (SFAs) or institutions must submit annually a public release to the informational media, local unemployment offices, any companies contemplating layoff's in that district's area., grassroots organizations, and interested individuals upon request,

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Names(s) of media outlets and companies submitted to: Lawton Constitution, School Website.

Bishop

(Name of SFA)

Today announced its policy for free or reduce-price meal for children served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and the After-School Snack Program (ASSP). Local SFA officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determine eligibility:

<b>FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART for School Year: 2024</b>					
Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519
2	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702
3	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885
4	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068
5	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251
6	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434
7	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616
8	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799
Each additional person:	9,509	793	397	366	183

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Application forms are being sent to all homes and are available online at [ok.wengage.com/bishop](http://ok.wengage.com/bishop) with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the school's front office. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

For SFA officials to determine eligibility, households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits must list the children's names, a SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number: and the signature of an adult household member. All children in households with any household member receiving benefits under assistance programs are eligible for free meals. Children in Other Source Categorical Eligible (i.e., children categorized as homeless, migrant, runaway, Head Start, even Start, and foster children, if known) are also eligible for free meals. **IF YOU DO NOT LIST A SNAP, TANF, OR FDPIR CASE NUMBER**, then the application must have children's names, total household members, the amount of income each receive

last month, the signature of an adult household member, and the last four digits of the adult's social security number or the mark the basic he or she does not have one. Foster children also categorically qualify for free meals/milk, regardless of child's income. If you have foster children living with you and you wish to apply for such meals or milk for them, please complete the application as instructed.

Under provision of the Policy Cyenthia Pennington (Name of Determining Official) will review applications and determine eligibility.

Parents or guardians wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request, either orally or in writing, for a hearing to appeal the decision to

Lori Baggett

(Name of hearing Official)

2204 SW Bishop Road Lawton, Ok 73505

(Address)

The school's policy statement contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

**DIRECT CERTIFICATION:** Any member of a household currently certified to receive SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR benefits will be notified of the enrolled children's eligibility and that the enrolled children will be provided free benefits unless the household notifies the SFA that it chooses to decline benefits. If SNAP, TANF, and FDPIR households are not notified of their eligibility within a few days of 09/08/2023, they will need to submit an application or contact the district with any questions or concerns.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil right activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a FORM AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form05080002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf> from any USDA office, by call (866)632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary of Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. Mail

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or

2. Fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442 or

3. Email:

[program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider:

Each school and the office of the **Bishop Public School** has a copy of the policy which may be reviewed by any interest party.