



Grayslake Community High School District 127

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Grayslake Community High School District 127 offers healthy meals every school day. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, use the Household Eligibility Application, which is enclosed. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information and provide the appropriate documentation. Return the completed application to:

Cindy Jensen-Business Services
400 N. Lake Street, Grayslake, IL 60030
(847) 986-3457

Your child (ren) may qualify for free or reduced-price meals, if your household income falls within the limits listed below:

FISCAL YEAR 2024 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The United States Department of Agriculture has issued the following income guidelines for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024:

Income Eligibility Guidelines Effective from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024											
Household Size	Free Meals 130% Federal Poverty Guideline					Household Size	Reduced-Price Meals 185% Federal Poverty Guideline				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly		Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	18,954	1,580	790	729	365	1	28,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519
2	25,636	2,137	1,069	986	493	2	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702
3	32,318	2,694	1,347	1,243	622	3	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885
4	39,000	3,250	1,625	1,500	750	4	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068
5	45,682	3,807	1,904	1,757	879	5	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251
6	52,364	4,364	2,182	2,014	1,007	6	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434
7	59,046	4,921	2,461	2,271	1,136	7	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616
8	65,728	5,478	2,739	2,528	1,264	8	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799
For each additional family member, add	6,682	557	279	257	129	For each additional family member, add	9,509	793	397	366	183

The following is the definition of income:

Income is defined as any monies earned before any deductions such as income taxes, social security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) monetary compensation for services including wages, salary, commissions, or fees; (2) net income from non-farm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) social security; (5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (6) net rental income; (7) public assistance or welfare payments; (8) unemployment compensation; (9) government civilian employee or military retirement or pensions or veteran payments; (10) private pensions or annuities; (11) alimony or child support payments; (12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (13) net royalties; and (14) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts, and other resources which would be available to pay the price of a child's meal.

Here are answers to questions you may have about applying:

1. Who can get free or reduced-price meals? Children in households receiving food stamps or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, if your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income Chart, your children can get free or reduced-price meals.

2. Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to send written proof of the information you give.

3. My child receives food stamps or TANF benefits. I received a letter with an eligibility certificate for school meals and milk. What do I do to receive meal or milk benefits for my child at school? Return the eligibility certificate to the school your child attends. You do not have to complete this application to receive meal or milk benefits.

4. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Use one Household Eligibility Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete.

5. Can homeless, runaway, and migrant children get free meals? Please call (or contact the school) to see if your child(ren) qualify, if you have not been informed that they will get free meals.

6. Who can get reduced-price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Chart, shown on this application.

7. I get Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.

8. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

9. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children who live with you.

10. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes.

11. We are in the military. Do we include our housing allowance as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

12. If I do not qualify now, may I apply again later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting food stamps or TANF. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced-price meals during the time you are unemployed.

13. 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 the person listed above.

Sincerely,



Abe Singh, Ed.D
Associate Superintendent/CSBO

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING – COMPLETE ONE APPLICATION PER HOUSEHOLD PER SCHOOL DISTRICT

IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES SNAP OR TANF BENEFITS, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL:

- Part 1:** List all household members, school and grade for each student, and a SNAP or TANF case number for any household member including adults receiving such benefits. (Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.)
- Part 2:** Skip this part.
- Part 3:** Skip this part.
- Part 4:** Sign the form. (The last four digits of a Social Security Number are not necessary.)
- Part 5 & 6:** Contact Information, and Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities: Answer these questions if you choose to. (Optional)

IF NO ONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD GETS SNAP OR TANF BENEFITS AND IF ANY CHILD IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS HOMELESS, A MIGRANT OR RUNAWAY OR HEAD START/EVEN START, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTION AND RETURN THE COMPLETE FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL:

- Part 1:** List all household members and the name of school for each child.
- Part 2:** If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call your school.
- Part 3:** Complete only if a child in your household isn't eligible under Part 2. See instructions for All Other Households.
- Part 4:** Sign the form. Only if part 3 is completed, please include the last four digits of a Social Security Number. (or mark the box if s/he doesn't have one).
- Part 5 & 6:** Contact Information, and Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities: Answer these questions if you choose to. (Optional)

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A FOSTER CHILD, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL:

If all children in the household are foster children that are the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court:

- Part 1:** List all foster children and the school name for each child. Check the "Foster Child" box for each foster child.
- Part 2:** Skip this part.
- Part 3:** Skip this part.
- Part 4:** Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are not necessary.
- Part 5 & 6:** Contact Information, and Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities: Answer these questions if you choose to. (Optional)

If some of the children in the household are foster children that are the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court:

- Part 1:** List all household members and the name of school for each child. Check the "Foster Child" box for each foster child.
- Part 2:** If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call your school.
- Part 3:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month.
- **Box 1–Name:** List all household members with income.
 - **Box 2 –Gross Income and How Often It Was Received:** For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must tell us how often the money is received—weekly, every other week, twice a month or monthly. For earnings, be sure to list the gross income, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. For other income, list the amount each person got for the month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), and disability benefits. Under All Other Income, list Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income. Do not include income from SNAP, FDIPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. For ONLY the self-employed, under Earnings from Work, report income after expenses. This is for your business, farm, or rental property. If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or get combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.
- Part 4:** Adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (or mark the box if s/he doesn't have one).
- Part 5 & 6:** Contact Information, and Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities: Answer these questions if you choose to. (Optional)

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS INCLUDING MEDICAID AND WIC HOUSEHOLDS, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

- Part 1:** List all household members and the name of school for each child.
- Part 2:** If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call your school.
- Part 3:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month.
- **Box 1–Name:** List all household members with income.
 - **Box 2 –Gross Income and How Often It Was Received:** For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must tell us how often the money is received—weekly, every other week, twice a month or monthly. For earnings, be sure to list the gross income, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. For other income, list the amount each person got for the month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), and disability benefits. Under All Other Income, list Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income. Do not include income from SNAP, FDIPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. For ONLY the self-employed, under Earnings from Work, report income after expenses. This is for your business, farm, or rental property. Do not include income from SNAP, FDIPIR, WIC or Federal education benefits. If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or get combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.
- Part 4:** Adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (or mark the box if s/he doesn't have one).
- Part 5 & 6:** Contact Information, and Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities: Answer these questions if you choose to. (Optional)

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us. 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 FDIPIR 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 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this 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 rights 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-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (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 for 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 for 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

1. All Household Members (Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.)

Check if Error Prone Application

NAMES OF ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS First, Middle Initial, Last	(for Student only) School Name	(for Student only) Grade	SNAP OR TANF CASE NUMBER ONLY Skip to Part 4 if you list a SNAP or TANF case number. At least one SNAP/TANF must be provided below. If you receive Medicaid and were not directly certified for free meals, you MUST apply based on household size and income.								Check if Foster Child*
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* A foster child is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court.

2. Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, or Head Start (Categorically eligible)

Homeless Migrant Runaway Head Start

Signature of Your School Homeless Liaison, Migrant Coordinator, or Head Start Director _____ Date _____

3. Total Household Gross Income (before deductions) You must tell us how much and how often.

A. NAMES (LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WITH INCOME)	GROSS INCOME AND HOW OFTEN IT WAS RECEIVED (Example: \$100/month; \$100 twice a month; \$100/every other week; \$100/week)							
	B. Earnings From Work (Before Deductions)		C. Welfare, Child Support, Alimony		D. Pensions, Retirement, Social Security		E. Worker's Comp., Unemployment, SSI, etc. (All other income)	
	Amount	How often?	Amount	How often?	Amount	How often?	Amount	How often?
i.	\$		\$		\$		\$	
ii.	\$		\$		\$		\$	
iii.	\$		\$		\$		\$	
iv.	\$		\$		\$		\$	
v.	\$		\$		\$		\$	

4. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign)

An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list the last four digits of his or her social security number or mark the *I do not have a social security number* box. I do not have a social security number.

X X X - X X - _____
Social Security Number

I certify (promise) all information on this application is true and all income is reported. I understand the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted.

Date Printed Name of Adult Household Member Signature of Adult Household Member

5. Contact Information (Optional)

Work Telephone Number (Include Area Code) _____ Home Telephone Number (Include Area Code) _____ Home Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code) _____

6. Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities (Optional)

Mark one ethnic identity:

- Hispanic/Latino
- Not Hispanic/Latino

Mark one or more racial identities:

- Asian
- Black or African American
- White
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ARE FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

INITIAL DETERMINATION

TOTAL INCOME \$ _____ Per: Week Every 2 Weeks Twice a Month Month Year NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD: _____ CHANGE IN STATUS: _____ Date _____

LEAs must annualize income only when multiple incomes, at varying frequencies, are reported.
Annual Income Conversion Weekly X 52 Every 2 Weeks X 26 Twice a Month X 24 Once a Month X 12

- Free based on:
 - homeless
 - migrant
 - runaway
 - Head Start
- Reduced based on:
 - SNAP or TANF
 - foster child
 - household's income
- Denied—Reason:
 - household's income
 - income too high
 - incomplete application
 - Non-qualifying SNAP/TANF

Date Withdrawn: _____

Signature of Determining Official _____

Date: _____