



Morris Elementary School District #54

Inspiring Excellence In Every Child Every Day

2018-2019 Waiver of School Fees Application

Applying and qualifying for free/reduced meals based on completion of the National School Lunch Program application **does not** automatically qualify a student for free/reduced fees.

You automatically qualify for a waiver of school fees and do not need to complete this form if you:

- Received a letter from District 54 informing you are eligible pursuant to 105ILCS 125/1. The school district receives notification from the Illinois State Board of Education via their electronic direct certification system in July and mails out letters by July 30th, 2018.

If you do not automatically qualify you may apply for a waiver if:

1. **Your income qualifies.** Morris School District will waive school fees if a parent or guardian meets the current school year income guidelines published annually by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. See attached income guidelines. Incomes above the amounts shown will not qualify for a fee waiver.
2. **You have special circumstances.** The District Office may grant fee waiver when one or more of the following factors resulted in the loss or reduction of family income (a)illness in the family; (b)unusual expenses caused by fire, flood, storm, etc.; (c) seasonal employment;(d)emergency situation; or one or more parent/guardian is involved in work stoppage.

The following information must be included with all applications:

- A copy of the 2017 IRS Federal 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ Form. If household members file separate tax returns, **copies of both returns must be submitted.**
- Names of all household members, including the student(s) and the school(s) they attend.
- Signature of adult household member.
- If your current income is different than that reflected on IRS Federal 1040, please include current income information for each household member listing source of income such as wages, child support, pension, unemployment payments, worker's compensation, etc., and the frequency in which received.

A new Fee Waiver Application must be submitted at the beginning of each school year.

After your application has been processed a copy will be mailed to you. Only complete applications will be considered

Please complete the information and return the application and supporting documents to the following address no later than August 31, 2018:

Morris Elementary School District #54
Attn: District Office
2001 Dupont Avenue
Morris, Illinois 60450

FISCAL YEAR 2019 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The United States Department of Agriculture has issued the following income guidelines for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019:

Income Eligibility Guidelines Effective from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019												
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	15,782	1,316	658	607	304	22,459	1,872	936	864	432		
2	21,398	1,784	892	823	412	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586		
3	27,014	2,252	1,126	1,039	520	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740		
4	32,630	2,720	1,360	1,255	628	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893		
5	38,246	3,188	1,594	1,471	736	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047		
6	43,862	3,656	1,828	1,687	844	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201		
7	49,478	4,124	2,062	1,903	952	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355		
8	55,094	4,592	2,296	2,119	1,060	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508		
For each additional family member, add	5,616	468	234	216	108	7,992	666	333	308	154		

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.