

## Smithfield School Lunch Program

### Quick Info on School Lunch in Smithfield Public Schools

#### Free & Reduced Meal Benefits

1. **A new application must be filled out each year** in order for your child to continue to receive meal benefits.
2. **Eligibility guidelines change each year**, so if you didn't qualify for benefits last year, you may qualify this year. Filling out an application can benefit both your child and your child's school, so please be sure to fill one out within the first two weeks of the school year.
3. **All children in your household should be listed on ONE application.** Regardless of whether your children have different last names, go to different schools, or have different guardians, if they all live in the same house, they should all be listed on the same application
4. If you have a direct certification letter, be sure to **make a copy for your records AND send a copy to your child's school. You do not need to fill out an application.**
5. **We cannot apply meal benefits to your child until the date that your eligibility application is received at the school.** Any debt incurred between the start of the school year and the date the application is received, is your responsibility to pay.
6. If your student is eligible for free or reduced meal benefits, **they must take a complete meal** to be eligible for their benefits. A student receiving benefits **may not take just a milk.**
7. **Foster families MUST complete an application annually.**

#### Breakfast

Breakfast is offered daily at schools. **If your student qualifies for free or reduced meal benefits, he or she is automatically eligible to receive free or reduced breakfast.**

Reduced breakfast is \$ .30 and paid breakfasts are offered to non-qualifying students.

#### Lunch

Lunch is available daily to all students. Paid meals are offered at the price of \$2.70 at the elementary schools and \$2.80 at the Middle and High Schools. Reduced price meals are \$ .40. **If your child is carrying a negative balance of \$10.00 or higher, he or she may receive an alternative meal in place of a hot meal in accordance with the school district policy.**

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