Welcome to Pioneer Central

New Student Check List

☐ Proof of Residency in Pioneer Central School District
☐ Completed Registration Packet (attached)
☐ Copy of Birth Certificate
☐ Copy of Custody Papers and/or Order of Protection (if any)
☐ Department of Social Services Foster Placement Form (if any)

Please notify your prior school that we will be contacting them for the following records to complete the enrollment process:

☑ Exit Grades for Current Quarter (if student transferred mid-quarter)
☑ Current Class Schedule
☑ Current Report Card
☑ Copy of Current Science Labs (High School only)
☑ High School Transcripts
☑ Attendance Records
☑ Health Records (immunizations & last physicals exam)
☑ New York State Test Scores (3rd – 8th)
☑ Special Ed Records (IEP, 504 Plan, Declassification Plan, Transition Plan, Social History, Level 1 Assessment, & Psychological Reports)

Home of the Pioneer Panthers
Date of Requested Enrollment: ___________________________  Today’s Date: ___________________________

Has student attended Pioneer Central School before? Yes _____ No _____

School to Attend:  □ Pioneer Senior High  □ Pioneer Middle  □ Pioneer at Arcade Elementary  □ Pioneer at Delevan Elementary

Entering Grade:_______

STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name: ___________________________

Social Security #:____________________

Telephone: ( ) _______________________

Unlisted?  Yes_____ No_____

Cell phone: ( ) _______________________

First Name: _______________________  Mi: _____

Date of Birth: _______________________

City & State of Birth: _______________________

Custody Papers on file? Yes____ No____

Order of Protection on file?  Yes____ No____

Residence Address:

Street: ___________________________

Town: ___________________________  Zip: _______

County: ___________________________

Mailing Address (If different than residence):

P.O. Box: ___________________________

Street: ___________________________

Town: ___________________________  Zip: _______

Ethnic Group (please select one):

Ethnicity (Choose one):
□ Hispanic/Latino
□ Not Hispanic/Latino

Race (Choose one or more, regardless of Ethnicity):
□ American Indian or Alaska Native
□ Asian
□ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
□ Black or African American
□ White

Gender:

□ Male
□ Female

Please Check All That Apply:

☐ Currently in Foster Care – DSS # _______________________

Actual Home School District_________________________

☐ Enrolling but do not live in Pioneer District (non-Foster Care)

Actual Home School District_________________________

☐ Migrant

☐ Immigrant/Refugee

Country of Birth ___________________________

Home Language_________________________

Please list any other students you have attending Pioneer Central School:

__________________________________________

__________________________________________

Please list any Special Education service the student is currently receiving (i.e. OT, PT, Resource):

__________________________________________

__________________________________________

*Every parent or person in a parental relation has the right to refer their child to the Committee on Special Education for evaluation to determine the child's eligibility for special education programs or services. Information regarding this parental right to request an evaluation is detailed in "A Parent’s Guide to Special Education", which can be found on the NYS Education Department’s website: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/parentguide.htm. If you have any questions about your rights as a parent with relation to special education, you can contact: Jean Valance, Pioneer’s Director of Special Education at 716-462-9435, or by email at jvalance@pioneercsd.org
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION – Please complete ALL lines below:

*NOTE: We presume both NATURAL parents share custody in divorce or legal separation agreements unless and until we receive a copy of the court order or separation agreement that pertains to the child’s custody. Non-custodial parents are legally able to obtain school records unless otherwise noted in court document.

Name: ____________________________  Name: ____________________________
Relationship: ______________________  Relationship: ______________________
Address if different from student address: _______________________________
                                      _______________________________
Home/Cell Phone if different from student phone:
                                      (  ) ____________________________
                                      (  ) ____________________________
Employer: __________________________
Employer Address: ___________________
Employer Phone: (  ) ___________________
Student Resides with: Yes____ No____
*Extra Mailing Required: Yes____ No____

*Extra mailing includes copies of report cards, progress reports, and academic intervention service notices. These are mailed when requested by the parent/guardian that does not reside with the student but is legally allowed to have this information.

___ Initial here to Opt Out of paper report cards & progress reports.
I have or will obtain free Parent Portal account to review progress reports and report cards.

PLEASE LIST AT LEAST ONE CONTACT OTHER THAN YOURSELF IF YOU HAVE MORE PLEASE ADD AT THE BOTTOM

EMERGENCY CONTACTS—If unable to contact the above, please contact the following:

Name #1: ____________________________  Name #2: ____________________________
Relationship: ______________________  Relationship: ______________________
Address: __________________________
Address: __________________________
Town: ____________________________  Zip ____________
Town: ____________________________  Zip ____________
Home Phone: (  ) ___________________
Home Phone: (  ) ___________________
Cell Phone: (  ) ___________________
Cell Phone: (  ) ___________________
Pioneer Central School District
McKinney Vento Act – Transitional Housing Questionnaire

By completing this questionnaire, you help the district comply with the McKinney-Vento Act, Title X, Part C of the No Child Left Behind Act. Your truthful and accurate answers help the district identify services that the student may be eligible to receive.

Building this child attends:  _____ Arcade  _____ Delevan  _____ Middle School  _____ High School

Student Name: ________________________________ Male _____ Female _____

Date of Birth (mo/day/yr) ______________________ Current Age: _______ Grade: _______

Parent(S)/Legal Guardians Name: ________________________________

Legal Address: __________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________ NY Zip: __________

Telephone: (_____)____________________ Other Telephone (_____)____________________

Do you also have preschool children?  _____ Yes  Ages: ______________  No _______

1. Is the student and or family living in temporary housing? (check one)
   _____ in a shelter  _____ in a motel or hotel  _____ in a car
   _____ in a seasonal trailer park/campsite
   _____ with more than one family in a house or apartment
   _____ with friends or family members (other than parent/guardian)
   _____ none of the above

If you checked “none of the above”, please sign the form and return to the school district.

2. Does the living arrangement checked in question 1 result from a loss of housing or economic hardship?  _____ Yes  _____ No  _____ unsure

3. The student lives with
   _____ 1 parent  _____ 2 parents  _____ 1 parent & another adult
   _____ a relative, friend or other adult  _____ alone with no adults
   _____ an adult who is not the parent or legal guardian

Signature ________________________________ Date ______________

Parent/Legal Guardian /Unaccompanied Youth

School Year: _____2018-2019 _____2019-2020

For School Use Only
   _____ Student not covered by McKinney-Vento Act
   _____Student covered by McKinney-Vento Act
   _____Follow up required….forward form to: Jeannene M. Wagner – Middle School

Date received: ______________________
DATE: 

TO: 

FROM: 

RE: □ New student registration
     □ Enrollment pending district approval
     □ District decision - approved / denied

Please fax or mail the items checked below regarding the above student as soon as possible.

Thank you.

✓ Current Class Schedule
✓ Exit Grades for Current Quarter (if student transferred before quarter grades were issued)
✓ Current Report Card
✓ Current Science Labs
✓ High School Transcript
✓ NYS Test Scores
✓ Attendance Records
✓ Health Records (immunizations and last physical exam)
✓ Copy of Birth Certificate
✓ Discipline Reports****
✓ Special Education Records (if applicable) to include:
  IEP, 504 Plan, Declassification Plan, Transition Plan, Social History Level 1 Assessment & Psychological Reports
✓ Custody Papers (if applicable)

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PARENT/GUARDIAN: PLEASE COMPLETE THE BOTTOM SECTION ONLY

Previous School Information

Student Name: ___________________________ Date of Birth: _______________________

Previous School Attended: ___________________ School Phone: ( ) ________________

School Address: ____________________________

Town: ___________________ State: _____ Zip: _______

Dates of Attendance at this school:

Start Date: / /  
End Date: / /

****I hereby authorize the release of discipline information for the student listed above.
TRANSPORTATION:

Bus: __________ Walker: __________ Parent Transports: __________ **Student Driver: __________

**(For High School Students only—requires a parking permit pass)

FAX

DATE:

TO: FIRST STUDENT BUS GARAGE Fax #: 716-970-4387

FROM:

BUILDING:

RE: Transportation Request as listed below effective _________________

☐ New Student Enrollment  ☐ Address Change for Current Student

To be completed by First Student:

Bus Lane #: __________ Pick-up Time: __________ Driver: __________________________

Bus Stop Location: ☐ Student’s Home Address ☐ Group Pick up

Parent/Guardian: Please fill in the section below if requesting bus transportation

Student Name: ___________________________ Grade: ______________

Home Phone Number: ( ) _______________ Building: __________________

Parent/Guardian Name: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

House No. Street Town Zip

• Will your child be getting on the bus in the morning at the above address? YES ____ NO ____

• Will your child be getting off the bus in the afternoon at the above address? YES ____ NO ____

If you answered no to either question above, please continue with the remainder of this form.

Alternative Morning Pick up Information:

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ( ) ________________________

Address: ____________________________

House No. Street Town

Alternative Afternoon Drop off Information:

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ( ) ________________________

Address: ____________________________

House No. Street Town
Dear Parent/Guardian:

New York State requires all transfer students, with no record of a physical in the past year, to have a physical exam. The school at no cost will provide these exams to you. If you prefer, you may take you son/daughter to you private physician for these exams at your expense.

We will do this within one month of your child entering this school system. The physical exam will include head, neck, heart, lungs, abdomen, joints, scoliosis, extremities, skin, and a hernia exam. We recommend that you discuss the hernia exam with your son so he will know what to expect at the time of the exam. Every effort will be made to ensure your child’s privacy during this exam.

We invite you to be present during your child’s exam. Feel free to call me between 7:30am – 2:00pm at 716-492-9344 if you have any questions concerning this exam.

Please complete and return the bottom portion of this form to the High School health office. If your private physician will be doing the exam, a physical form must be obtained from the health office and returned after the physical is completed. If a completed physical form or a date of a scheduled exam is not given to me within two months of your child entering Pioneer, the physical will be done at school.

Patricia Pierce
High School Nurse

[ ] I would like the physical to be done at the school by the Nurse Practitioner.

[ ] I would like to be present during my child’s exam. You may contact me at the following number during school hours _______________________. I understand if I do not keep the appointment the physical will be done without me.

[ ] I will have the physical exam done by my private physician. I understand the physical will be done in school if a completed form or a date of a scheduled exam is not given to this office within the time frame mentioned above.

STUDENT’S NAME:

____________________________________________

PARENT’S NAME:

____________________________________________
PIONEER CENTRAL SCHOOL
INFORMATION FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Student’s Name__________________________________ Sex_____

Last       First       Middle

Date and Place of Birth________________________________ Grade____

Home Address________________________________________ Phone#________

Street and Town

Father/Guardian’s Name____________________________________

Place of Work__________________________________________ Phone#________

Mother/Guardian’s Name____________________________________

Place of Work__________________________________________ Phone#________

Where should your child be sent in case of illness and you cannot be contacted?

Name__________________________________________________ Phone#________

Name__________________________________________________ Phone#________

If none of the above can be reached in an emergency, the school should call:

______________________________________________________________________________

Name of physician/pediatrician Phone#________________________

______________________________________________________________________________ Date________

Signature of parent/guardian

HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE PHONE #492-9344

Patricia Pierce High School Nurse
Has the student had any of the following? Please circle and explain if necessary.

1. Severe injury or accident? (broken bones, etc.)  NO  YES

2. Hospitalized (why, when)  NO  YES

3. Any surgery? (why, when)  NO  YES

4. Is student under the care of physician or clinic now?  NO  YES

5. Is student on any medication or treatment now?  NO  YES

   What  Dosage

6. Is student allergic to anything or have Asthma?  NO  YES

   Please list

7. Has student ever had a seizure or convulsion?  NO  YES

8. Any problem with eyes or vision?  NO  YES

9. Any problem with ears or hearing?  NO  YES

10. Any heart problems or murmur?  NO  YES

Anything you think the health office should have on record?
MEDIA CONSENT FORM

Pioneer Central School

September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A goal of our school district is to publish information celebrating our schools, our students, and our accomplishments.

Please check the appropriate box

☐ I DO grant permission for the Pioneer Central School District to display my child’s image, voice, name and/or original work in various school publications, including, but not limited to newsletter, social media (Facebook, Twitter), yearbook, web page, broadcast media, etc.

☐ I DO NOT grant permission for the Pioneer Central School District to display my child’s image, voice, name and/or original work in various school publications, including, but not limited to, newsletter, social media (Facebook, Twitter), yearbook, web page, broadcast media, etc.

Student Name: ___________________________________________ Date: ______________________________

Grade: ______________________________

Teacher Name: ___________________________________________ School: ___________________________

Parent/Guardian Name: (print) ______________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ______________________________ Date: ____________________________

Skip Tillinghast
Office of Communications
Pioneer Central Schools
(716) 492-9411
July, 2019

IMPORTANT LEGAL INFORMATION

Military Recruiters Have Been Given Free Access to Students’ Names, Addresses, and Telephone Numbers

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Under provisions of the law No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pioneer Central School District is required to provide your child’s name, address, and telephone number to military recruiters upon their request. This is a significant change over the previous policy requiring parents to give consent for us to release such information.

If you would like to retain your right to decide when and if the information about your child is given to military recruiters and others, you must notify me in writing. On the back of this page is a letter that you can sign and return or use as a guide in writing your own letter. Please be sure to include the name or names of the child(ren) to be covered by your request.

Please be aware that, without such letter on file, we have no choice but to provide your child’s name, address, and telephone number to any recruiter who requests a listing bearing such information. Please return the letter as soon as possible.

Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Timothy Breen
Guidance Counselor
July, 2019

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to inform you that I **DO NOT** want my high school student’s name, address, and phone number released to any military recruiter.

Thank you.

Student’s Name: ____________________________ High School Grade Level: ______ DOB: ______

________________________________________  ______  _____________

________________________________________  ______  _____________

________________________________________  ______  _____________

Sincerely,

Parent/Guardian Signature: ________________________________

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: ________________________________
July 2019

To: Pioneer Central School District Community Members

The Pioneer Central School District consists of five student occupied buildings: Pioneer High School, H.S. Ag. Barn, Pioneer Middle School, Pioneer Elementary at Arcade and Pioneer Elementary at Delevan. These buildings are used primarily for student instruction. Each of the buildings has VINYL ASBESTOS FLOOR TILE (except the H.S. Ag. Barn). This flooring is maintained in proper fashion under the established guidelines, to assure a safe environment for all building occupants. Each building maintains copies of their ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN (AMP). Copies of the AMP’s are available for review in the Director of Facilities Office, located in the Pioneer High School. As per regulations, the ASBESTOS EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT (AHERA), the district’s fifth TRIENNIAL REINSPECTION AND ASSESSMENT REPORT was conducted on May 16, 2019 by AMD Environmental. At this time, there is ongoing Asbestos abatement in the Arcade Elementary Building in the crawl space as part of the Capital Project for the HVAC upgrades. The Abatement in Arcade will be completed in August 2019.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nick Titus, Director of Facilities, at (716)-492-9414.

Nick Titus
Director of Facilities
Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public, nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides, herbicides periodically throughout the school year. The Pioneer Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are **not** subject to prior notification requirements:

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gel and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetra hydrate;
- the application of EPA designated bio pesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to:

Director of Facilities: Nick Titus
Pioneer Central School District
P.O. Box 579
Yorkshire, NY 14173
716-492-9414
Fax # 716-492-9360

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| **Pioneer Central School District**  
**Request for Pesticide Application Notification** |

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Revised 2019
SUBJECT: STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES
(ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY)

The Board of Education will provide access to various computerized information resources through the District's computer system (''DCS'' hereafter) consisting of software, hardware, computer networks and electronic communications systems. This may include access to electronic mail, so-called "on-line services" and the "Internet." It may include the opportunity for some students to have independent access to the DCS from their home or other remote locations. All use of the DCS, including independent use off school premises, shall be subject to this policy and accompanying regulations. Further, all such use must be in support of education and/or research and consistent with the goals and purposes of the School District.

Access to Inappropriate Content/Material and Use of Personal Technology or Electronic Devices

This policy is intended to establish general guidelines for the acceptable student use of the DCS and also to give students and parents/guardians notice that student use of the DCS will provide student access to external computer networks not controlled by the School District. The District cannot screen or review all of the available content or materials on these external computer networks. Thus some of the available content or materials on these external networks may be deemed unsuitable for student use or access by parents/guardians.

Despite the existence of District policy, regulations and guidelines, it is virtually impossible to completely prevent access to content or material that may be considered inappropriate for students. Students may have the ability to access such content or material from their home, other locations off school premises and/or with a student's own personal technology or electronic device on school grounds or at school events. Parents and guardians must be willing to establish boundaries and standards for the appropriate and acceptable use of technology and communicate these boundaries and standards to their children. The appropriate/acceptable use standards outlined in this policy apply to student use of technology via the DCS or any other electronic device on school grounds or at school events.

Standards of Acceptable Use

Generally, the same standards of acceptable student conduct which apply to any school activity shall apply to use of the DCS. This policy does not attempt to articulate all required and/or acceptable uses of the DCS; nor is it the intention of this policy to define all inappropriate usage. Administrative regulations will further define general guidelines of appropriate student conduct and use as well as proscribed behavior.

District students shall also adhere to the laws, policies and rules governing computers including, but not limited to, copyright laws, rights of software publishers, license agreements, and student rights of privacy created by federal and state law.
SUBJECT: STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES
(ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY)

Students who engage in unacceptable use may lose access to the DCS in accordance with applicable due process procedures, and may be subject to further discipline under the District's school conduct and discipline policy and the District Code of Conduct. The District reserves the right to pursue legal action against a student who willfully, maliciously or unlawfully damages or destroys property of the District. Further, the District may bring suit in civil court against the parents/guardians of any student who willfully, maliciously or unlawfully damages or destroys District property pursuant to General Obligations Law Section 3-112.

Student data files and other electronic storage areas will be treated like school lockers. This means that such areas shall be considered to be School District property subject to control and inspection. The Computer Coordinator may access all such files and communications without prior notice to ensure system integrity and that users are complying with the requirements of this policy and accompanying regulations. Students should NOT expect that information stored on the DCS will be private.

Notification

The District's Acceptable Use Policy and Regulations will be disseminated to parents and students in order to provide notice of the school's requirements, expectations, and students' obligations when accessing the DCS.

Regulations will be established as necessary to implement the terms of this policy.
NEW! Pay for Student Meals Online

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Pioneer Central School District is excited to offer MySchoolBucks®! This online payment service provides a quick and easy way to add money to your student's meal account using a credit/debit card or electronic check.

You can also view recent purchases, check balances, and set-up low balance alerts for FREE!

MySchoolBucks provides:

- **Convenience** - Available 24/7 on the web or through our mobile app for your smartphone
- **Efficiency** - Make payments for all your students, even if they attend different schools within the district. Eliminate the need for your students to take money to school.
- **Control** - Set low balance alerts, view account activity, recurring/automatic payments & more!
- **Flexibility** - Make payments using credit/debit cards and electronic checks.
- **Security** – MySchoolBucks adheres to the highest security standards.

Enrollment is easy!

1. Go to [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com) or download the mobile app and register for a free account.
2. Add your students using their school name and student ID.
3. Make a payment to your students' accounts with your credit/debit card or electronic check. A program fee will apply. You will have the opportunity to review any fees and cancel if you choose, before you are charged.

If you have any questions, contact MySchoolBucks directly:

- support@myschoolbucks.com
- (855) 832-5226
- Visit myschoolbucks.com and click on Help

Thank you,

Catherine Pritchard
Food Service Director
Pioneer Central School District 2019-2020 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete ONLY ONE form for your household, sign your name and return it to the address listed below. Call Cate Pritchard at (716)492-9347, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

Return Completed Applications to: Pioneer Central School District, P.O. Box 579, Yorkshire, NY 14173

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

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2. SNAP/TANF/FPDIR Benefits:
   If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FPDIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.

   Name: ___________________________ CASE #: ______________________

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

All Household Members (Including yourself and all children that have income).
List all 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 income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

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Total Household Members (Children and Adults): [ ]

*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS#" box before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.
   I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: __________

Email Address: _________________________________________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Work Phone: ___________________________ Home Address: ___________________________

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional, responding to this section does not affect your children’s eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

   Ethnicity: ☐ 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 Island ☐ White

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DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY.

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

☐ SNP/TANF/Foster  ☐ Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: ___________________________ / ___________________________ Household Size: ___________________________

☐ Free Meals ☐ Reduced Price Meals ☐ Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official: ___________________________ Date Notice Sent: ___________________________
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to Pioneer Central School District.

If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: Clete Pritchard (716) 492-9347. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1  ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

(1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.

(2) List their grade and school.

(3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2  HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDP/IR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

(1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDP/IR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.

(2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDP/IR number.

PART 3  ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

(1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.

(2) Write the amount of income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box. The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and All Risk Child Care Programs should not be considered as income for this program.

(3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.

(4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs PART 4 if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDP/IR number, a social security number is not needed.

(5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: 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 (FDP/IR) case number or other FDP/IR 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.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

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.

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(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.
Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Pioneer Central School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs $1.15 at the Arcade Elementary School and $1.25 at the Middle School & High School; lunch costs $2.10 at Arcade Elementary School and $2.35 at the Middle School & High School. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.

Students enrolled at Delevan Elementary School will be participating in the Community Eligibility Program. All students enrolled at Delevan Elementary School will receive breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the 2019 - 2020 school year. No further action is required of you. Your children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

1. 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 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: Pioneer Central School District C/O Cate Pritchard, P.O. Box 579, Yorkshire, NY 14173.

2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS? All children in households receiving benefits from SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or TANF, can get free meals regardless of your income. Categorical eligibility for free meals benefit is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program’s case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household’s gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.

3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.

4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven’t been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Homeless/Runaway Liaison Mrs. Jeannene Wagner at (716)492-8326 JWagner@pioneerscd.org or the Migrant Education Coordinator Mrs. Lucia Johnson at (716)873-3526 lucia.johnson@fredonia.edu to see if they qualify.

5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Children may be approved as reduced price eligible if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this letter. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.

6. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call Cate Pritchard (716)492-9347 if you have questions.

7. MY CHILD’S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child’s application is only good for that school year and for up to the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is new for the school year.

8. I GET 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 a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.

9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.

10. 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.

11. 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: Pioneer Central School District C/O Mr. Nicholas Silveroli, P.O. Box 579, Yorkshire, NY 14173 NSiliveroli@pioneerscd.org.

12. 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 U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.

13. 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) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.

14. 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 $500, 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.
15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.

16. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn’t received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.

17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-342-3009.

**2019-2020 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS**

**REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART**

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How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children carefully complete one application following the instructions for your household and return it to the designated office listed on the application. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children’s names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult’s Social Security number, or check the box if the adult does not have a Social Security number. An application for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Reduced Price Eligible Students: Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical statement must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National
Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school’s attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unemployed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at that time.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Catherine Pritchard
Food Service Director

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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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.

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2019-2020 School Breakfast and Lunch Pricing
Delevan Elementary will be participating in Community Eligibility Provision, all students enrolled at Delevan Elementary will receive breakfast & lunch at no charge

Arcade Elementary School  Breakfast $1.15 Lunch $2.10  Your children may qualify for free meals
Middle & High School  Breakfast $1.25 Lunch $2.35 or reduced price meals. There will be no
A la Carte Milk  $0.60 charge for reduced price meals.

Please Discuss Important School Breakfast & Lunch Regulations with your Child

At Breakfast, Schools must offer 4 required components:

1. ½ Pint Milk
2. ½ Cup to 1 Cup Fruit and or Vegetable
3. Two Grains/Whole Grain Rich Breads OR
4. Protein and a Grain

At Lunch, Schools must offer 5 required components:

1. ½ Pint Milk
2. 2-3 oz Meat/Meat Alternate
3. 1-2 Grains/Whole Grain Rich Products
4. Fruit
5. Vegetable

Students must take 3 out of 4 components.
At least one component must be ½ cup of fruit or vegetable.
Meals without a fruit or vegetable must be priced as a la carte items.

Example Using Elementary Pricing:
1 Bagel $0.95 and ½ Pint Milk $0.60 = $1.55
Add Fruit or Vegetable price drops to $1.15

Students must take 3 out of 5 components.
At least one component must be a ½ cup of fruit or vegetable.
Meals without a fruit or vegetable must be priced as a la carte items.

Example Using Middle & High School Pricing:
Slice of Pizza $2.00 and ½ Pint Milk $.60 = $2.60
Add Fruit or Vegetable prices drops to $2.35

Prepayment: Parents have the options to place money on their student(s) accounts via, check, cash or On-line with My School Bucks! For check payments, please make sure you write a separate check for students not attending the same building & note your child’s name on the memo section of your check. Please make checks payable to: Pioneer School Lunch.

Eligibility: To apply for Free or Reduced Meals for your children read the instructions on the back of the application. Complete ONLY ONE APPLICATION for your household. If you have questions regarding free or reduced eligibility for your child(ren)’s school meals, please contact Cate Pritchard or Cynthia Landis at (716)492-9347.

If you have received a Direct Certification Letter/Eligibility Letter for one student in your household and not the other student(s) please contact the Food Service Director immediately as the other student(s) can be added to the Directly Certified Student or Application and will not incur further meal charges.

*Please Note: The Direct Certification/Eligibility Letter would have to be for 2019-2020 school year
The Food Service Department values communication between the parent/guardian and the staff, if you have any questions regarding the Free & Reduced Meal Application, please contact Catherine Pritchard. Questions regarding your student(s) accounts please contact the building manager.

Food Service Director
Catherine Pritchard
Cpritchard@pionerecrsd.org
(716)492-9347

High School Cook Manager
Linda Frazier
Lfrazier@pionerecrsd.org
(716)492-9300 x 1113

Middle School Cook Manager
Shirley Burch
Shurch@pionerecrsd.org
(716)492-9300 x 2108

Arcade Cook Manager
Nancy Bantle
Nbantle@pionerecrsd.org
(716)492-9432

Delevan Cook Manager
Lori Smith
Lsmith@pionerecrsd.org
(716)492-9470

Procedure for Meal Charging and Prohibition Against Meal Shaming

1) **What can be charged?** Only complete meals, Breakfast or Lunch. **A la Carte purchases and second meals are not permitted to be charged.**

2) **How is a charged meal handled?** Cashier will allow the student to charge a complete meal that he or she would like without exception. **All complete meals must include a fruit or vegetable.**

School Messenger will call the parent/guardian on Wednesday & Friday to inform them of any negative account balance over $1.00.

Our Policy for meal charging and prohibition against meal shaming is available online at the School Food Service website.