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School Meals at No Charge for All Children

Effective immediately, Page County Public Schools (PCPS) will be serving meals at no charge to all children 18 and under. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved waivers for local school divisions and other federal meal program sponsors to implement the Summer Food Service Program to provide meals to all children in the community (no matter if the child is enrolled in PCPS) free of charge through December 31, 2020. The waivers support access to nutritious meals while minimizing exposure to COVID-19.

For students enrolled in PCPS, the new school year requires a new meal application. Although school meals will be provided free to all children, school funding depends on completed meal applications. A new meal application must be completed if you have not already been notified that your student is approved for free meals, either by letter mailed to your home address or your child is enrolled in elementary school. All PCPS students enrolled in elementary school are automatically eligible for free meals during the school year. It is important to submit a completed meal application as soon as possible.

- Only one meal application is needed for each household.
- Applications are available online at <https://www.lunchapplication.com/>

Meals are available to all children including those learning in-person or virtually and regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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Submit your completed form or letter 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;

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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For information regarding meal distribution visit our website - <https://www.pagek12.org/>.

Meals will be provided, on a first come, first served basis at the following times and locations:

In-person learners will be offered free breakfast, lunch, and snack each day at school.

Remote learners and children not enrolled in PCPS can access free meals (breakfast, lunch, and snack) for pick-up on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 12:30-1:30pm at the following locations:

- Springfield Elementary School, 158 Big Spring Ln, Rileyville, VA 22630 – bus area
- Luray Middle School, 14 Luray Ave, Luray, VA 22835 – bus area (access from First Street)
- Stanley Elementary School, 306 Aylor Grubbs Ave, Stanley, VA 22851 (drop off loop – at kitchen)
- Page County Middle School, 198 Panther Dr, Shenandoah, VA 22849 (bus area – north end of school)
- Shenandoah Elementary School, 529 Fourth St, Shenandoah, VA 22849 (bus area – access from Third Street)

Any households may request delivery of meals for children 18 and under on Wednesdays. Meal delivery will occur to bus stops starting at 3pm. Requests for Wednesday meals must be made each week before 3pm on Tuesday by completing the form (<https://forms.gle/CCdiQwx25hpjcHEQ8>) or calling 540-743-6533 ext. 2816 or ext. 2823

For further information please contact: Virginia Jeffries at (540) 743-6533 ext. 2816 or email at vjeffries@pagecounty.k12.va.us.

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