CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS RELEASE



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CCSD Food Service menus, nutrition facts and information on free or reduced-price meals now online

CCSD Back to School web page now available for 2016-17 school year

LAS VEGAS – Many new and returning students may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP) and the After School Snack Program (ASSP), available in Clark County School District schools.

Applications and instructions on how to apply are provided at <u>www.myschoolapps.com</u>. Paper applications will be available at all Back to School Fairs and in all school cafeterias. Families must fill out an application online, or turn in a paper application at the school. Only one application is needed per household.

Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals from the previous year will continue for up to 30 operating days into the new school year. Families whose household incomes are less than or equal to the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. For more information, including the IEGs for the 2016-17 school year, click <u>here</u> or visit <u>ccsd.net/foodservice</u>.

The CCSD Back to School web page is now available for parents and students preparing for the upcoming 2016-17 school year. With classes resuming on Monday, Aug. 29, the page provides helpful resources and information relating to students starting or returning to school, and can be found at <u>ccsd.net/backtoschool</u>. The page is also available in Spanish at <u>ccsd.net/regresoaclases</u>.

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Public Release for Free and Reduced Priced Meals 2016-2017 SY

The Clark County School District is pleased to announce our participation in the National School

Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and the After School Snack Program (ASSP).

If your household income is less than or equal to the following Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) below, your children are eligible for free or reduced priced meals.

	Free Meals						Reduced Price Meals					
Household			Twice-	Bi-		Ι			Twice-	Bi-		
Size	Annual	Monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Weekly		Annual	Monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Weekly	
1	\$15,444	\$1,287	\$644	\$594	\$297		\$21,978	\$1,832	\$916	\$846	\$423	
2	\$20,826	\$1,736	\$868	\$801	\$401		\$29,637	\$2,470	\$1,235	\$1,140	\$570	
3	\$26,208	\$2,184	\$1,092	\$1,008	\$504		\$37,296	\$3,108	\$1,554	\$1,435	\$718	
4	\$31,590	\$2,633	\$1,317	\$1,215	\$608		\$44,955	\$3,747	\$1,874	\$1,730	\$865	
5	\$36,972	\$3,081	\$1,541	\$1,422	\$711		\$52,614	\$4,385	\$2,193	\$2,024	\$1,012	
6	\$42,354	\$3,530	\$1,765	\$1,629	\$815		\$60,273	\$5,023	\$2,512	\$2,319	\$1,160	
7	\$47,749	\$3,980	\$1,990	\$1,837	\$919		\$67,951	\$5,663	\$2,832	\$2,614	\$1,307	
8	\$53,157	\$4,430	\$2,215	\$2,045	\$1,023		\$75,647	\$6,304	\$3,152	\$2,910	\$1,455	
For each additional family member												
add	\$5,408	\$451	\$226	\$208	\$104		\$7,696	\$642	\$321	\$296	\$148	

Income Eligibility Guidelines for <u>Free and Reduced</u> Price Categories Effective from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

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Application forms with instructions for completing them are available online at **myschoolapps.com** and at all school cafeterias. To apply for free or reduced priced meals, households must fill out an application online or an application form and return it to the school. Only one application is needed for each household and applications may be completed and turned in at any time during the school year. Additional copies may be obtained from any school site. The information provided on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by program officials.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year, eligibility from the previous year will continue within the same school district. When this 30 operating day carry over period ends (October 6, 2016), unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the children must pay full price for school meals. The school is not required to send a reminder notice of expired eligibility.

When known to the Clark County School District, households that have children that are categorically eligible through an assistance program, SNAP, TANF or FDPIR, or households that have children that are qualified as Other Source Categorically Eligible by being classified as; homeless, migrant, runaway, or enrolled in in an eligible head start or pre- K program, will be notified of the children's eligiblity for free meals. Applications do not have to be submitted for families in these circumstances.

All children in the household qualify for free meal benefits and if they are not listed on the notification of free meal benefits, the household should contact the Food Service Department (<u>myschoolmeals@nv.ccsd.net</u>) to have free meal benefits extended to them. If children are participating in the programs listed above and the family is not contacted by the Food Service Department, the family should contact the Department. Households that have been notified of their child's eligibility must contact the school district to decline the free meal benefits.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free and reduced priced meals. Additionally, children of parents or guardians who become unemployed may be eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk. For school officials to determine eligibility and process applications for meal benefits, households must provide the following information on the application:

Income Based Applications

- · Names of all household members
- · Amount, source, and frequency of current income for each household member
- · Signature of an adult household member
- Last 4 digits of the social security number of the household's primary wage earner, or another adult household member's social security number, or an indication that the household member does not have one.

Assistance Program Households: Households that are approved for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), are automatically approved and need only provide the following information on their applications for free or reduced priced meal benefits;

- · The names of all children for whom the application is made
- SNAP, TANF, FDPIR case number or identifier, for the children or any household member listed on the application
- The signature of the adult household member completing the application.

Other Source Categorically Eligibility: Families of children classified as homeless, migrant, or runaway, may submit an application with the following information;

- · Names of the children for whom the application is made
- Indication of the child's categorically eligibility status
- · Signature of an adult household member

Foster Children: Foster children are automatically approved for free meal benefits. They may be included as a member of the foster family's household, as this may help other children in the household qualify for benefits, if that family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. If the foster family is ineligible for free or reduced benefits it does not prevent the foster child from receiving free meal benefits. A foster child only application should include the following;

- Name of the foster child
- · Indication of the child's foster care status
- · Signature of an adult household member

Mixed Applications: These types of applications contain children who are other source categorically eligible, including foster children and the biological children on the household. These applications must include the following information;

- · Names of all household members
- · Amount and source of current income for each member and the frequency of income
- · An indication of the program source of Other Source Categorical Eligibility Status
- · Signature of an adult household member
- Last 4 digits of the social security number of the household's primary wage earner, or another adult household member's social security number, or an indication that the household member does not have one.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may make a formal appeal either orally or in writing to the Food Services Department, 6350 E. Tropical Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89115, for a hearing on the decision using the school districts appeals process.

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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USDA by:

- 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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