

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Since November 2020, Washington County School District has been participating in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Seamless Summer Option (SSO) program. Under the program, each child enrolled in the school district has been able to receive 1 free breakfast and 1 free lunch per day. THIS PROGRAM IS EXPIRING ON June 30, 2022.

When the new school year begins in August 2022, free or reduced meals will only be available to those children who have free or reduced-price meal eligibility status. Status can easily be acquired by completing a Free and Reduced Application online at <https://www.washk12.org/food-service> or by completing a paper application. Paper applications are available at your local school and are available in both English and Spanish.

If your child is eligible for free or reduced status this school year, that eligibility will carry over to the first 30 days of the 2022-2023 school year, or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first. Carryover allows students to continue receiving school meal benefits while families complete and submit, and the district processes, applications.

*** IMPORTANT:** If your child does not have free or reduced eligibility status by June 30, 2022, charges for meals will begin accruing until an application has been received and processed, which may take up to 10 days after submission.

Meals prices for the 2022-2023 school year will be as follows:

Breakfast \$1.75

Elementary Lunch \$2.25

Secondary Lunch \$2.60

The best way to avoid the gap between the first day of school in August 2022 and the date your 2022-2023 school year application is processed, is to complete an application NOW.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1, 2020 - May 26, 2022 1 free breakfast, 1 free lunch per day regardless of eligibility status.

March 22, 2022 - June 30, 2022
(May 6, 2022 to be eligible for PEBT funding) If not already eligible, apply for free and reduced meal status to be eligible for the 30 day carryover period when school starts.

August 1, 2022 Online application submission for the 2022-2023 school year opens.

August 11, 2022 **NO FREE LUNCH. All students will revert to FULL PAY status unless they have 30 day carryover status or have an approved application.**

September 21, 2022 **30 day carryover status ends. All carryover status will convert to full paid status unless a new application has been submitted and approved.**

If you have any questions, please contact Stefenee at 435-634-4323.

Sincerely,

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Meal Benefits Secretary

Washington County School District