

# Changes to the School Nutrition Program for School Year 2022-2023

Congress did not extend federal school meal waivers and school meals will no longer be available to ALL students free of charge effective at the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Households may complete an Application for Free or Reduced Price School Meals during the 2022-2023 enrollment process or at [usd466.com](http://usd466.com)—ezmeal app. If you have already received notification that your family is eligible for free or reduced price meals for the 2022-2023 school year, follow the instructions provided. **Only students with approved applications will receive free or reduced price meals for the 2022-2023 school year.** Families who do not qualify for free meals will be responsible for paying for their child(ren)'s meals at reduced or paid rates. Reduced rate for breakfast will be .30 and reduced rate for lunch will be .40. Paid rates will be available by July 1.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q: Will school meals be free of charge for ALL students in school year (SY) 2022-23?**

**A:** Congress did not extend school meal waivers and school meals will no longer be available to ALL students free of charge. Students that do not qualify for free meals will be charged for each meal they take at the beginning of SY 2022-2023.

### **Q: How can households apply for free or reduced price meal benefits for SY 2022-23?**

**A:** Yes. Households can qualify for free and reduced price meals by filling out an application at [usd466.com](http://usd466.com) (EZMEAL APP) or by picking up an application at their local school.

### **Q: Is there a way for households to apply online for free and reduced price meal benefits?**

**A:** Yes. Visit [usd466.org](http://usd466.org)---under quick links, you will find EZMEAL APP. Click on EZMEAL App and follow instructions.

### **Q: When can my household complete an application for free and reduced price meals?**

**A:** Applications for free and reduced-price meals will be available [July 1, 2022](#)>.

### **Q: When will households start being charged for meals?**

**A:** Beginning SY 2022-2023, students who do not qualify for free meals will be charged for each meal taken.

### **Q: Who determines the meal price for paid meals?**

**A:** Local school boards are required to set and approve student meal prices annually.

### **Q. Will meals be allowed to be taken off campus during SY 2022-23?**

**A.** No. All school meals must be consumed on the school campus during the 2022-23 school year (with the exception of field trips).

If you need assistance in filling out a free/reduced meal applications, please contact Kathy Eaton @ 620-872-7605 or [keaton@usd466.org](mailto:keaton@usd466.org)