



# CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

Parents/Guardians

July 1, 2022

Please be aware that the federal USDA waivers that provided free lunch and breakfast for all students for the past two years have **not** been extended for the 2022-2023 school year. Students that do not qualify for free and reduced benefits will be charged for breakfast and lunch when they return to school in August. Additional information on meal pricing will follow.

With school starting soon, as of August 11, 2022, all parents and guardians will be responsible for maintaining their student's accounts. **The cafeteria staff will no longer allow "Ala Carte", "Snacks", or "Extra Entrees"(ex: pizza) to be purchased unless funds are available in the student's lunch account.**

All parents will be encouraged to complete an assistance application that could qualify them for reduced prices or free meals based on income guidelines. This application will be available after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Below is a list of frequently asked questions. I hope this will provide helpful information.

## 1. Who can receive Free or Reduced Meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) are eligible for free meals. Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. • Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals. • Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. • Children may receive free or reduced-price meals if their household's income is within the limits of the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Guidelines can be found at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-02-16/pdf/2022-03261.pdf>

How do I apply for Free or Reduced Meals?

- Click on this link to apply online- <https://www.myschoolapps.com> using district zip code 40508 under Catholic Diocese of Lexington Schools

## 2. Does the free or reduced-price application only qualify my child for free meals?

- No, students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals **may** also qualify for Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (PEBT), fee waivers, and much more.

Please contact, Child Nutrition Director, Char Banta if you have any questions at [cbanta@cdlex.org](mailto:cbanta@cdlex.org) or Assistant Director, Jenny Mitchell at [jamitchell@cdlex.org](mailto:jamitchell@cdlex.org) with any concerns you may have in completing the application.

Sincerely

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