

# Why Aren't School Meals Free Anymore?

Over the last two years, the USDA has provided schools waivers that provide meals at no cost to students. **Those waivers will expire after the 2021-2022 school year ends.** This means a return to paid meals beginning August 8, 2022 for students that do not qualify for Free or Reduced Meal Benefits.

## Do I need to submit an application to receive Free or Reduced price meals?

**Yes!** Everyone must submit a new application for each school year. **Applications will be available online beginning July 15, 2022**

and can be found here: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>.

Paper applications can also be found at your school site or the Nutrition Services office at 2812 N Highway 85, Building E, Castle Rock, CO 80109.

We encourage EVERYONE to apply to see if they qualify.

## I don't qualify for Free or Reduced meal benefits. How much will meals cost?

### Lunch Prices are as follows:

- ▶ Elementary School: \$3.<sup>25</sup>
- ▶ Middle School: \$3.<sup>75</sup>
- ▶ High School: \$4.<sup>00</sup>

All meal prices include an entrée, fruit, veggies and milk. Ala carte options are available at all schools, pricing varies by item. Charters school pricing varies so please confirm on your school's website. Breakfast (*where available*) pricing can be found on the

Nutrition Services website at <https://bit.ly/DCSDNutrition> Please ensure your student has money in their account for meals prior to the first day of school by visiting My School Bucks [bit.ly/DCSDMySchoolBucks](https://bit.ly/DCSDMySchoolBucks)

**APPLY HERE!**

