



## Free Meals and Free and Reduced Lunch Application (email July 30, 2021)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to announce good news: This school year, Great Hearts Texas will be offering healthy meals every school day to all students at **no cost!** Typically, a student's household must meet income eligibility requirements to qualify for free or reduced-price meals. However, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued guidance that allows schools to offer meals to all students at no cost for the 2021-2022 school year. We are excited to offer this to our Great Hearts families!

While no application or eligibility determination is required for your student to receive free meals this school year, we encourage all families to fill out the Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) application for the following reasons:

- The FRL application is a multi-use form that also determines discounts for other programs such as uniform vouchers (while supplies last), sports, and after-school care.
- Income eligibility requirements will likely resume next school year. As such, eligibility for next year will roll over to 2022-2023.
- As a district, we are required to report the number of economically disadvantaged children. The higher our FRL percentage, the more funding our charter receives.

[Click Here](#) to apply for the Free & Reduced Lunch program. All Parents are encouraged to apply online. However, paper applications are available upon request at the front office. ***Please allow 3 business days to process your online application. Once eligibility is determined, you will receive an official eligibility letter via email.***

- [Parent Quick-Start Apply Online Guide \(English & Spanish\)](#)
- [Parent Guide to Mealtime Apply Online \(FRL Application\)](#)
- [2021 2022 Application Letter](#)
- [2021 2022 Application Letter \(Spanish\)](#)

In order to apply, you will need your child's Student ID number.

[Mealtime ID's were emailed to the student's primary contact at 10:30am on July 30, 2021. If you did not receive your child's Mealtime ID, please reach out to your campus Receptionist.]

If you have questions about the free and reduced lunch application, please contact the front office of your campus.

We're looking forward to the new school year.

Thank you,

**Child Nutrition Department**

Great Hearts Texas

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