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## **Office of the State Superintendent of Education Announces Criteria and Participants for School Year 2017-2018 Free and Reduced Priced Meals**

The District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education announces the criteria for determining the eligibility of children to receive free and reduced price meals for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the Special Milk Program (SMP) for free milk in schools.

For schools participating in the NSLP and SMP, a letter or notice and family application forms are distributed to parents of all children in attendance at school at the beginning of each school year. The letter or notice shall contain the following information:

- In schools participating in a meal service program, the eligibility criteria for reduced price benefits with an explanation that households with incomes less than or equal to the reduced price criteria would be eligible for either free or reduced price meals, or in schools participating in the free milk option, the eligibility criteria for free milk benefits;
- How a household may make an application for free or reduced price meals or for free milk for its children;
- An explanation that an application for free or reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete information as described in paragraph (1)(i) of the definition of Documentation in §245.2<sup>1</sup>;
- An explanation that households with children who are members of currently certified SNAP, FDPIR or TANF households may submit applications for these children with the abbreviated information described in paragraph (2)(ii) of the definition of Documentation in §245.2;
- An explanation that the information on the application may be verified at any time during the school year;

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<sup>1</sup> To review §245.2, please visit the [Electronic Code of Federal Regulations](#)

- How a household may apply for benefits at any time during the school year as circumstances change;
- A statement to the effect that children having parents or guardians who become unemployed are eligible for free or reduced price meals or for free milk during the period of unemployment, provided, that the loss of income causes the household income during the period of unemployment to be within the eligibility criteria;
- The statement: “In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability;”
- An explanation that Head Start enrollees and foster, homeless, migrant, and runaway children, as defined in §245.2, are categorically eligible for free meals and free milk and their families should contact the school for more information;
- How a household may appeal the decision of the local educational agency with respect to the application under the hearing procedure set forth in §245.7. The letter or notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the application form required under §245.6.
- A statement to the effect that the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

The schools will receive free or reduced price meal reimbursement based on the following income scales<sup>2</sup> from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, calculated on annual income.

Family Size	Eligibility Scale for Free Meals	Family Size	Eligibility Scale for Reduced Price Meals
One	\$15,678	One	\$22,311
Two	\$21,112	Two	\$30,044
Three	\$26,546	Three	\$37,777
Four	\$31,980	Four	\$45,510
Five	\$37,414	Five	\$53,243
Six	\$42,848	Six	\$60,976
Seven	\$48,282	Seven	\$68,709
Eight	\$53,716	Eight	\$76,442
Each additional family member	+\$5,434	Each additional family member	+\$7,733

Anyone with questions about applying for meals, should contact their local education agency (LEA). A complete listing of LEAs participating in the 2017-2018 NSLP and SMP with contact information is below:

<sup>2</sup> [Child Nutrition Programs: Income Eligibility Guidelines](#)

**National School Lunch Program**

SCHOOL NAME	CONTACT NAME	CONTACT NUMBER
Achievement Preparatory Academy PCS	Tanya Tilghman	(202) 562-1214
Apple Tree Early Learning PCS	Tony Taylor	(202) 526-1503
Basis DC PCS	Jasmyn Jones	(202) 393-5437
Breakthrough Montessori PCS	Jasmine Jones	(202) 407-7022
Bridges PCS	Youseth Guzman	(202) 545-0515
Briya PCS	William Bletzinger	(202) 420-7070
Capital City PCS	Aisha Hassan	(202) 808-9800
Cedar Tree Academy PCS	LaTonya Henderson	(202) 610-4193
Center City PCS	Russ Williams	(202) 589-0202
Cesar Chavez PCS	Marjean Sipe	(202) 491-4027
City Arts & Prep PCS	Laneise Harris	(202) 269-4646
Creative Minds International PCS	James Lafferty-Furphy	(222) 588-0370
DC Bilingual PCS	Lola Bloom	(202) 750-6674
DC International School	Denise Lyons	(202) 808-9033
DC Preparatory Academy PCS	Kalyn Blueitt	(202) 635-4590
DC Public Schools (DCPS)	Kristen Rowe	(202) 442-5177
DC Scholars PCS	Kyle Jones	(202) 559-6138
Democracy Prep PCS	Claire Libert	(202) 561-0860
Dept of Youth Rehabilitation (DYRS)	Kimelia Austin	(202) 299-3120
Eagle Academy PCS	Matthew Enekwe	(240) 938-4887
Early Childhood Academy PCS	Yesenia Menjivar	(202) 373-0035
EL Haynes PCS	Sebastien Durand	(202) 667-4446
Elsie Whitlow Stokes PCS	Erika Bryant	(202) 265-7237
Excel Academy PCS	Nima Farshchi	(301) 717-2792
Friendship PCS	Dana Leach	(202) 281-1700
Harmony DC PCS	Evren Culha	(202) 529-7500
Hope Community PCS	Trina Gross	(202) 722-4421
Howard Univ. Middle School	Leslie Boler	(202) 806-7725
Idea PCS	Nicole Seward	(202) 399-4750
Ideal Academy PCS	F. Zuella Evans	(202) 729-6660
Ingenuity Prep PCS	Will Stoetzer	(202) 562-0391
Inspired Teaching Demonstration PCS	Imani Taylor	(202) 248-6825
Kingsman Academy PCS	Daniel Buckingham	(202) 547-1028
KIPP/DC	Bonnie Bacon	(202) 223-4505
Latin American Montessori Bilingual PCS	Betsy Romero	(202) 726-6200
LAYC Career Academy PCS	Jeremy Vera	(202) 319-2228
Lee Montessori PCS	Erin Rowsey	(202) 779-9740
Mary McLeod Bethune PCS	Don Cole	(202) 459-4710
Maya Angelou PCS	Heather Hesslink	(202) 792-5655

Meridian PCS	Michael Russell	(202) 387-9830
Monument Academy PCS	Jeff McHugh	(914) 721-0613
Mundo Verde PCS	Kelsey Weisgerber	(202) 750-7060
National Collegiate Prep PCS	Jennifer Ross	(202) 832-7787
Next Step PCS	Taunya Melvin	(202) 319-2277
Paul PCS	LaTasha Taylor	(202) 541-6607
Perry Street Prep PCS	Kelly Smith	(202) 529-4400
Richard Wright PCS	Alisha Roberts-Charles	(202) 388-1011
Rocketship Rise Academy PCS	Meredith James	(410) 292-7380
Roots PCS	Rasheki Kuykendall Walker	(202) 882-8073
Seed PCS	Marjorie Howard	(202) 248-7773
SELA PCS	Sean Flora	(202) 670-7352
Shining Stars Montessori Academy	Monique Mitchell	(202) 723-1467
Somerset Preparatory Academy DC	Deboraha Crawford	(202) 562-9104
Sustainable Futures PCS	Lauren Bryant	(706) 825-2003
The Children's Guild PCS	Michelle L. Holewinski	(443) 829-3880
Thurgood Marshall Academy PCHS	Nora Moore	(202) 563-6862
Two Rivers PCS	Gail Williams	(202) 546-4477
Washington Global PCS	Elizabeth Torres	(202) 796-2415
Washington Latin PCS	Martita Fleming	(202) 223-1111
Washington Leadership Academy PCS	Natalie Gould	(612) 867-3829
Washington Math Science PCHS	N'Deye Diagne	(202) 636-8011
Washington Yu Ying PCS	Emily Henshall	(202) 635-1950

### **National School Lunch Program – Private Schools**

<b>SCHOOL NAME</b>	<b>CONTACT NAME</b>	<b>CONTACT NUMBER</b>
Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute	Kai Bean	(202) 281-2743
Kingsbury Day School	Anne A. Hedman	(202) 722-5555
San Miguel	Alvin Zepeda	(202) 232-8345
Washington School for Girls	La'Chonne Leach	(202) 678-1113

### **Special Milk Program – All**

<b>SCHOOL NAME</b>	<b>CONTACT NAME</b>	<b>CONTACT NUMBER</b>
The Episcopal Center for Children	RonJanica Hymes	(202) 363-1333

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Washington, DC 20250-9410;
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