

PUBLIC MEDIA RELEASE

GREENVILLE COUNTY School District today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

Household Size and Income Guidelines for Free Meals or Reduced Price Meals Effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

(1) Income Guidelines for Free Meals - 130%

(2) Income Guidelines for Reduced Price Meals - 185%

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
(1)	13,520	1,127	564	520	260	(1)	19,240	1,604	802	740	370
(2)	18,200	1,517	759	700	350	(2)	25,900	2,159	1,080	997	499
(3)	22,880	1,907	954	880	440	(3)	32,560	2,714	1,357	1,253	627
(4)	27,560	2,297	1,149	1,060	530	(4)	39,220	3,269	1,635	1,509	755
(5)	32,240	2,687	1,344	1,240	620	(5)	45,880	3,824	1,912	1,765	883
(6)	36,920	3,077	1,539	1,420	710	(6)	52,540	4,379	2,190	2,021	1,011
(7)	41,600	3,467	1,734	1,600	800	(7)	59,200	4,934	2,467	2,277	1,139
(8)	46,280	3,857	1,929	1,780	890	(8)	65,860	5,489	2,745	2,534	1,267

For each Additional Family Member	+4,680	+390	+195	+180	+90	+6,660	+555	+278	+257	+129
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Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

For school officials to determine eligibility the household must provide the following information on the application: (1) A food stamp or TANF case number certifying the household is currently eligible for either of these assistance programs and an adult household member signature or (2) names of all household members, the name and social security number of the adult household member signing the application form, current income by source for each household member and a signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Foster children may also be eligible for these benefits regardless of household income. If a household has foster children living with them and wish to apply for such meals for them, they may do so by completing a separate application form.

Under the provisions of the policy Eileen Staples/Director (position/title of reviewing official) will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the reviewing official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewer on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to Eileen Staples/Director whose address is _____ (Name of District Superintendent or SFA official) 2 Space Drive, Taylors, SC 29687 for a hearing to appeal the decision. The hearing procedures are outlined in the policy.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes, the household should contact the school to file a meal application. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for free or reduced price meals if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above.

A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the office of the District Superintendent where any interested party may review it.

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