

# Income Eligibility Guidelines for Use in Schools

(This form is for school personnel use only.)

Family income criteria to be used for the 2016-2017 school year for School Lunch, School Breakfast, or Special Milk Programs.

## A. Scale for Free Meals or Free Milk

## B. Scale for Reduced Price Meals

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$15,444	\$1,287	\$644	\$594	\$297	\$21,978	\$1,832	\$916	\$846	\$423
2	\$20,826	\$1,736	\$868	\$801	\$401	\$29,637	\$2,470	\$1,235	\$1,140	\$570
3	\$26,208	\$2,184	\$1,092	\$1,008	\$504	\$37,296	\$3,108	\$1,554	\$1,435	\$718
4	\$31,590	\$2,633	\$1,317	\$1,215	\$608	\$44,955	\$3,747	\$1,874	\$1,730	\$865
5	\$36,972	\$3,081	\$1,541	\$1,422	\$711	\$52,614	\$4,385	\$2,193	\$2,024	\$1,012
6	\$42,354	\$3,530	\$1,765	\$1,629	\$815	\$60,273	\$5,023	\$2,512	\$2,319	\$1,160
7	\$47,749	\$3,980	\$1,990	\$1,837	\$919	\$67,951	\$5,663	\$2,832	\$2,614	\$1,307
8	\$53,157	\$4,430	\$2,215	\$2,045	\$1,023	\$75,647	\$6,304	\$3,152	\$2,910	\$1,455
	\$5,408*	\$451*	\$226*	\$208*	\$104*	\$7,696*	\$642*	\$321*	\$296*	\$148*

\*For each additional household member add this amount.

All children from families at or below the income levels in Column A are eligible to receive meals, after school snack, or milk\*\* at no cost, if available (Special Milk Program). Column A is used for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, or Special Milk Program.

In addition, Federal P.L. 94-105 makes mandatory the service of reduced price meals to those children from families within the range of incomes in Column B. These children must be provided with lunches at a price not exceeding 40 cents. If the Breakfast Program or an after school snack program is available, all children qualifying for free and reduced price lunches will also qualify for free and reduced price breakfasts and/or snack. The charge for a reduced price breakfast may not exceed 30 cents; the charge for reduced price snack may not exceed 15 cents. Column B must therefore be used in providing reduced price meals.

\*\*Service of free milk is optional.

## INCOME TO REPORT

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance/Alimony/Child Support	Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salary, wages, cash bonuses</li> <li><b>Net</b> income from self-employment (farm or business)</li> <li>Strike benefits</li> </ul> <p><b>If you are in the U.S. Military:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic pay and cash bonuses (<i>do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances</i>)</li> <li>Allowances for off-base housing, food, and clothing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unemployment benefits</li> <li>Worker's compensation</li> <li>Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</li> <li>Cash assistance from State or local government</li> <li>Alimony payments</li> <li>Child support payments</li> <li>Veteran's benefits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)</li> <li>Private Pensions or disability</li> <li>Income from trusts or estates</li> <li>Annuities</li> <li>Investment income</li> <li>Earned interest</li> <li>Rental income</li> <li><i>Regular</i> cash payments from outside household</li> </ul>