

Paintsville Independent Schools

Announces its policy for Free and Reduced Price Meals for students under the

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS.

Any interested person may review a copy of the policy by contacting David Lemaster at 305 Second Street Paintsville, KY 41240 606-789-2654 ext.2108.

Household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility. Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown may be eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals. Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for Free or Reduced Price Meals, households must complete the application and return it to the school. Only one application is required for all children in the household. Additional copies are available at **the school office**.

An application cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information:

- Total household income listed by gross amount received, type of income (e.g., wages, child support, etc.) and how often the income is received by each household member;
- Names of all household members;
- Signature of an adult household member certifying the information provided is correct; and
- The last four digits of the social security number of the adult signing the application or the word "NONE" for this household member if he or she does not have a social security number.

The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

For the purpose of determining household size, deployed military members are considered a part of the household. Families should include the names of the deployed service members on their application. Report only that portion of the deployed service member's income made available to them or on their behalf to the family. Additionally, a housing allowance that is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative is not to be included as income.

Once approved, meal benefits are good for the current school year and up to 30 operating days into the next school year. When the carry-over period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the children must pay full price for school meals. Households will not be sent a reminder or notice of expired eligibility. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the school should be contacted. Such changes may make the student eligible for reduced price or free meals.

All children in households that receive SNAP or KTAP are eligible for free meals. When known to **Paintsville Independent Schools**, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals if they are members of a household that receives SNAP or KTAP benefits. No application is necessary for these households. All children in these households are eligible for free meal benefits. If any child(ren) was not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact **Paintsville Independent Schools** to have free meal benefits extended to that child(ren). If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, they should contact the school.

For households not notified of children's eligibility for free meals in which any household member receives SNAP or KTAP benefits, an application may be completed to receive free meals. Households are required to list on the application only the child's name, SNAP / KTAP case number, and signature of adult household member. Categorical eligibility for free meals is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member.

Foster children are categorically eligible for free meals and will receive benefits based on information submitted on the household application or information received from an appropriate agency. Foster children may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for meal benefits. If the foster family is not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, it does not prevent a foster child from receiving free meal benefits.

Children in households participating in WIC or who reside in households where parents or guardians become unemployed may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.

When known, **Paintsville Independent Schools** will notify households of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is Other Source Categorically Eligible because the child is categorized as homeless, migrant or runaway as defined by law or enrolled in an eligible Head Start, Even Start or pre-kindergarten class as defined in by law.

Household with children who are considered migrants, homeless, or runaway should contact the district liaison, **Mark Baldwin** at **606-789-2654 ext.2104** for assistance in receiving benefits. A household application may also be submitted with an indication of their Other Source Categorically Eligibility marked in the relevant box on the application.

Under the provisions of the Free and Reduced Price meal policy, **Jeanne Maggard** at 606-789-2654 ext. 2102, will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he or she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he or she may make a request either orally or in writing to **Coy Samons** 305 Second Street Paintsville, KY 41240 606-789-2654 ext.2105.

Any questions about the application process may be directed to **Jeanne Maggard** at 606-789-2654 ext.2102.

In accordance with the Sponsor's disclosure agreement, the information on the Free and Reduced Price Meal application may be used by the school system in determining eligibility for other educational programs. Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact **Paintsville Independent Schools** if it chooses to decline the free meal benefits.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

[Effective from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016]

Household size	Federal poverty guidelines	Reduced price meals—185%					Free meals—130%				
		Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, District of Columbia, Guam and Territories											
1	11,770	21,775	1,815	908	838	419	15,301	1,276	638	589	295
2	15,930	29,471	2,456	1,228	1,134	567	20,709	1,726	863	797	399
3	20,090	37,167	3,098	1,549	1,430	715	26,117	2,177	1,089	1,005	503
4	24,250	44,863	3,739	1,870	1,726	863	31,525	2,628	1,314	1,213	607
5	28,410	52,559	4,380	2,190	2,022	1,011	36,933	3,078	1,539	1,421	711
6	32,570	60,255	5,022	2,511	2,318	1,159	42,341	3,529	1,765	1,629	815
7	36,730	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919
8	40,890	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023
For each additional family member add	4,160	7,696	642	321	296	148	5,408	451	226	208	104
Alaska											
1	14,720	27,232	2,270	1,135	1,048	524	19,136	1,595	798	736	368
2	19,920	36,852	3,071	1,536	1,418	709	25,896	2,158	1,079	996	498
3	25,120	46,472	3,873	1,937	1,788	894	32,656	2,722	1,361	1,256	628
4	30,320	56,092	4,675	2,338	2,158	1,079	39,416	3,285	1,643	1,516	758
5	35,520	65,712	5,476	2,738	2,528	1,264	46,176	3,848	1,924	1,776	888
6	40,720	75,332	6,278	3,139	2,898	1,449	52,936	4,412	2,206	2,036	1,018
7	45,920	84,952	7,080	3,540	3,268	1,634	59,696	4,975	2,488	2,296	1,148
8	51,120	94,572	7,881	3,941	3,638	1,819	66,456	5,538	2,769	2,556	1,278
For each additional family member add	5,200	9,620	802	401	370	185	6,760	564	282	260	130
Hawaii											
1	13,550	25,068	2,089	1,045	965	483	17,615	1,468	734	678	339
2	18,330	33,911	2,826	1,413	1,305	653	23,829	1,986	993	917	459
3	23,110	42,754	3,563	1,782	1,645	823	30,043	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
4	27,890	51,597	4,300	2,150	1,985	993	36,257	3,022	1,511	1,395	698
5	32,670	60,440	5,037	2,519	2,325	1,163	42,471	3,540	1,770	1,634	817
6	37,450	69,283	5,774	2,887	2,665	1,333	48,685	4,058	2,029	1,873	937
7	42,230	78,126	6,511	3,256	3,005	1,503	54,899	4,575	2,288	2,112	1,056
8	47,010	86,969	7,248	3,624	3,345	1,673	61,113	5,093	2,547	2,351	1,176
For each additional family member add	4,780	8,843	737	369	341	171	6,214	518	259	239	120

To determine annual income:

- If you receive the income every week, multiply the total gross income by 52.
- If you receive the income every two weeks, multiply the total gross income by 26.
- If you receive the income twice a month, multiply the total gross income by 24.
- If you receive the income monthly, multiply the total gross income by 12.

Remember: The total income before taxes, social security, health benefits, union dues, or other deductions must be reported.

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