

Barrington Public Schools

Free/Reduced Lunch Information

Dear Parent/Guardian

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Barrington Public Schools** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.00, Lunch Cost for Elementary Schools is \$2.25; Middle School and High School is \$2.50. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch.

- 1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information and return it to the school of your choice.
- 2. Who can get free meals?** Children in households getting Food Stamps or FIP and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free price meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.
- 3. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals?** Please contact the Principal of the school your child is attending to see if your child(ren) qualify, if you have not been informed that they will get free meals.
- 4. Who can get reduced price meals?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Chart, shown on this application.
- 5. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced price meals?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Give the Direct Certification Letter to the school and you will not have to complete an application for the child whose name appears on the letter.
- 6. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.
- 7. Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.
- 8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps, FIP or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced price meals.
- 9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by contacting or writing to: **Ronald D. Tarro, Director of Administration & Finance, Barrington Public Schools, 283 County Road, Barrington, RI 02806 (401) 245-5000.**
- 10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- 11. Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children who live with you.
- 12. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes.
- 13. We are in the military, do we include our housing allowance as income?** If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have other questions regarding your application please contact the applicable school.

Begin using
July 1, 2007

Federal Child Nutrition Programs

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Effective July 1, **2007** through June 30, **2008**

PLEASE NOTE: *These Income Eligibility Guidelines may not be given to parents/households as per Federal Regulations.*

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	<u>FREE MEALS</u>					<u>REDUCED-PRICE MEALS</u>				
	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BI-WEEKLY	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BI-WEEKLY	WEEKLY
1	13,273	1,107	554	511	256	18,889	1,575	788	727	364
2	17,797	1,484	742	685	343	25,327	2,111	1,056	975	488
3	22,321	1,861	931	859	430	31,765	2,648	1,324	1,222	611
4	26,845	2,238	1,119	1,033	517	38,203	3,184	1,592	1,470	735
5	31,369	2,615	1,308	1,207	604	44,641	3,721	1,861	1,717	859
6	35,893	2,992	1,496	1,381	691	51,079	4,257	2,129	1,965	983
7	40,417	3,369	1,685	1,555	778	57,517	4,794	2,397	2,213	1,107
8	44,941	3,746	1,873	1,729	865	63,955	5,330	2,665	2,460	1,230
For each additional family member, add...	+4,524	+377	+189	+174	+87	+6,438	+537	+269	+248	+124

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Further, the Rhode Island Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or religion. To file a complaint of discrimination with the State of Rhode Island, write to the Rhode Island Department of Education, Director, Office of Equity and Access, 255 Westminster Street, Providence, RI or call (401) 222-4600.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART			
For School Year 2008			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	18,889	1,575	364
2	25,327	2,111	488
3	30,765	2,648	611
4	38,203	3,184	735
5	44,641	3,721	859
6	51,079	4,257	983
7	57,517	4,794	1,107
8	63,955	5,330	1,230
Each additional person:	6,438	537	124

**NEED LOW OR NO-COST HEALTH INSURANCE FOR YOUR CHILDREN?
CALL RIteCare (401) 462-5300**

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us. The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Food Stamp Program, Family Independence Program (FIP) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to *USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20250-9410* or call 800-795-3272 or 202-720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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