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| **Apply for Free or Reduced School Meals** | |
| **Description** | **Detailed Description** |
| Free and reduced-price meals are available to eligible public school students. | The Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals should be filled out and returned to the school to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price school meals. Eligibility is based on the household size and monthly gross income. Full-price lunch is $1.50. Reduced lunch is $0.25. |

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| **Frequently Asked Questions** | |
| **Sub-Topic** | **Details** |
| Eligibility for Children of Parents with no Social Security Number | Children of parents who do not have a social security number are eligible for free and reduced price meals. Parents should complete the application for school meals, and in the space for a social security number, be sure to write the word NONE. |
| Eligibility for Families Receiving Food Stamps or ADF/TANF | The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance will send you a Direct Certification letter. When you take or mail this letter to your child's school, your household will be eligible for free school meals. However, if you do not get a Direct Certification Letter in the mail, you should complete the Application for Free and Reduced - Price School Meals, giving your Food Stamp or TANF case number. Your child will then be eligible for free breakfast or lunch at school. |
| General Eligibility | Eligibility is determined by the family’s income. If the family’s income is:   • At or below 130 percent of the poverty level, the child is eligible for free meals  • Between 130 and 185 percent of the poverty level, the child is eligible for reduced-price meals  • Over 185 percent of the poverty level, the child is not eligible and must pay full price |
| How to Get an Application | All schools send the application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals to parents at the beginning of each school year.   Parents may also contact the school's general office for an extra copy or download the application at www.opt-osfns.org/osfns. |
| Menu Information | For information on school meals, calendars, news, regulations, allergy policy and food safety, see the DOE website at http://www.opt-osfns.org/osfns/ |