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A Message from the Superintendent

A Broader, Richer Definition of Success

At Westside Community Schools, we are committed to our students, to innovation, to always improving, to accountability and to being data-informed in our work to personalize learning for our students. We view our students as more than a test score or a number and strive to know all learners as individuals.

Our staff understands student needs. There are times as educators we need to extend and enrich learning, and when we need to reteach a lesson. Not so long ago, that was me, in front of a middle school social studies class. I remember specific moments seeing some students really struggle at the end of a unit, while some of their classmates could have co-taught with me. This a challenge for all teachers and the reason why we at Westside Community Schools so strongly believe in the power of personalized learning. We are creative; we are constantly learning new strategies; and we push ourselves to look beyond the traditional modes of instruction to focus on learning for all students.

Our overall goal is to graduate independent learners who think critically to solve problems, communicate clearly as engaged citizens in our democracy, and adopt healthy habits that will span their lifetimes. We want students to realize and fully understand their interests and use their many talents in ways that lead to fulfilling careers and lives.

For the past several years, Westside Community Schools took on the task to transform learning for all students by implementing strategies balancing teacher-directed learning with student-directed learning. The goal: to align that educational harmony with the District's standards, benchmarks, and indicators. From this work, we are seeing daily, quarterly and annual evidence that our students are making progress to become independent learners able to join and contribute to society in significant ways.

How do we know? Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Dr. Mark Weichel, evaluates the District's approach to learning each year through quantitative measures recognized both locally and nationally. We have compared data collected two years ago to recent research, proving these new strategies are working. A few of the highlights are:

- More students across the District are reading proficiently, reducing the need for special programs;
- WHS is now an ACT exemplary school with 46% of high school students now college ready in the four content areas;
- 90% of our teachers now make learning adjustments for students, focusing on the individual needs of our learners;
- 67% of our students feel they get to make choices about their learning



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Each school develops its own unique set of goals based on their data and context engaging staff and community in the important work of educating our children, and I encourage you to speak with your school's principal to better understand our work to ensure that all students leave our District prepared for a lifetime of learning.

Our Districtwide goal this year is to increase student math scores, an area highlighted by our building leaders. We are particularly focused on grades 3 & 4 to improve our abilities to teach math in our elementary schools, as well as language arts, increasing praise and recognition for staff and students, the use of data to better know our students, and to develop collaborative leadership throughout District 66.

While data is important to hold ourselves accountable, test scores do not tell the whole story of our success, nor our mission at Westside Community Schools. We believe having a well-rounded student who is engaged will also support learning. We use the Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) across the District, a framework that provides developmentally appropriate learning experiences where students solve problems and think critically in specific areas of interest or strength for the learner. This approach to authentic problem solving helps students to explore and better understand themselves, their purpose and how to make a positive contribution to their school and community.

Finally, our financial picture is much better today than five years ago. We enter the 2017-2018 school year with a balanced budget for the first time in many years. The Board of Education and I appreciate the patience and understanding of all community members as the District prioritized the needs of the District in making over \$10 million dollars of expense reductions the past three years. Our outlook is positive but dependent on future decisions made by the Nebraska Legislature regarding school funding. As I have said in the past, we cannot strictly balance our budgets with an austerity campaign but must also seek additional revenue.

Once again, I am very excited about the upcoming school year. I am confident that our teachers are ready to provide outstanding learning experiences for all. In the coming months, we will see new schools open and others begin construction. I asked our community five years ago, do we have it in us to create a legacy worthy of our past? Today, I can honestly say that this community is building upon the rich tradition of excellence found in the Westside Community Schools. Please join me in working together to realize our vision:

The Westside Community Schools will relentlessly pursue innovative educational ideals and promise to personalize learning for every student. We invite the challenge of developing a community of learners who embrace a broader, richer definition of success.

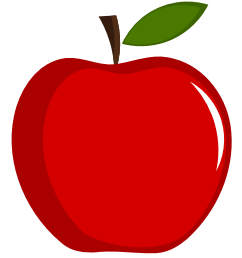
Welcome back and I look forward to seeing you in our schools during the upcoming year to celebrate the many successes of our staff and students.

Yours in education,
Blane McCann, Ph.D.
Superintendent, Westside Community Schools

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SAFER & HEALTHIER FOODS PLAN

Westside Community Schools is pleased to present our new Safer & Healthier Foods Plan, effective at the start of this school year. This new policy helps us ensure the safety of all students, some who face life-threatening health risks if exposed to certain allergens. It also reinforces our mission to help students in all facets of their development, including healthier eating.



For the 2017-2018 school year, all food items shared in the elementary school classroom or at an elementary school-sponsored activity must be included on the District-approved list of snack options provided by Westside Community Schools and be commercially prepared and packaged. Food items shared at the middle and high school levels must also be commercially prepared and packaged. NO food items shared in the classroom or at school-sponsored activities can contain peanuts, tree nuts, or be homemade. Parents may continue sending homemade foods of their choice to be consumed by their children only.

For more information about frequently asked questions and to download a printable copy of the District-approved snack list, [CLICK HERE](#). Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and support as we implement these changes to make our schools safer and healthier for all of our learners and staff.

TIME TO UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S INFORMATION!

The Annual Information Update is underway! Instead of filling out dozens of paper forms, parents/guardians of all Westside Community Schools students now complete that process online. This annual ritual allows families to review and update parent contact information, verify emergency contacts and phone numbers, complete field trip permission forms, and share with the school current health and medication information about each child. PLEASE VERIFY your emergency contacts are up to date! These people are the only adults we will release your child to in the event of an emergency. The update must be completed for each child before he or she can access District technology resources, including iPads and laptops.

The process is quick and easy. Simply [CLICK HERE](#) to log on to your parent PowerSchool account and click the Annual Information Update icon. If you don't know or have forgotten your PowerSchool login info, email powerschool.support@westside66.net with your name and the names of all current Westside students in your household.



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SPORTS PHYSICALS

Westside Community Schools is offering sports physicals for students planning to participate in athletics during the 2017-2018 school year. Each physical is \$30.

Westside High School (sports mall area)

July 26..... 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

August 2... 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Westside Middle School (cafeteria)

August 7... 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

August 8.. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

CALENDARS ARE BACK!

Your Westside Community Schools printed calendar will be ready for pick-up at your school's Sneak-A-Peek and during the first week of classes. Every WCS family and staff member will receive this calendar FOR FREE thanks to our generous business partners throughout our community! Please remember, dates and locations are subject to change and we encourage you to visit our e-calendar at <http://westside66.org/calendar/>

NOMINATE A TEACHER OF THE MONTH!

New for the 2017-2018 school year, Westside Community Schools will recognize a Teacher of the Month! With the help of local businesses, a special committee will select an outstanding teacher each month, nominated by students, parents and co-workers, to receive \$100 and be honored by the Westside Board of Education.

Do you know a deserving teacher?

Email petersen.brandi@westside66.net to nominate them for a Teacher of the Month Award!



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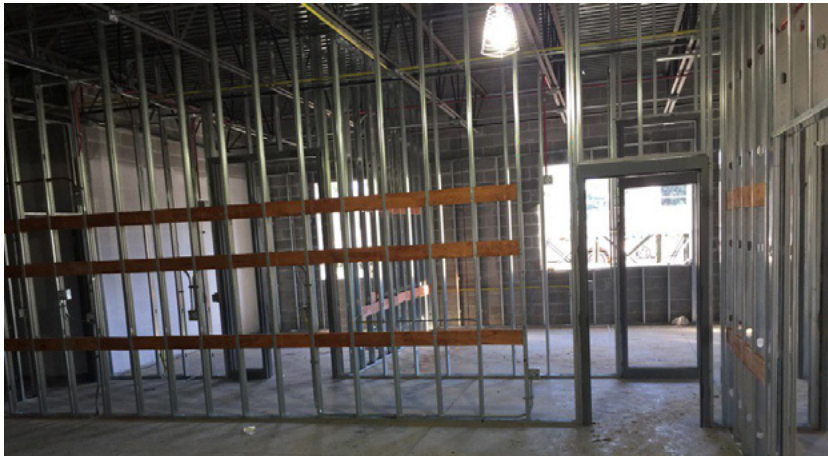
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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



OAKDALE

Oakdale Elementary is on time and ON BUDGET! This beautiful new building will be open for students in January of 2018. Construction of parking lots is underway, and interior drywall and finishes are expected to begin at the end of July.



The future office of Oakdale principal, Glen Jagels.

SWANSON

Architects recently presented artist renderings for their vision of the new Swanson Elementary School! The 52,000 square foot design will include a new secured entry system with covered porch, glass sightlines allowing for natural light and visual connection to the arboretum, and new levels of energy efficiency. Our Design Advisory Committee has worked for months to find a perfect marriage of innovation and harmony with the natural surroundings and neighborhood. Students will move to the Swing School in January 2018, demolition will begin in the spring and the school is set to open in the Fall of 2019.

SUNSET HILLS

Crews hope to complete footings and foundations by the end of July, and they have also begun sewer work on the west side of the site near the pool. Neighbors should expect heavy equipment as concrete trucks and steel delivery trucks will be accessing the area, most on 94th Street from Pacific. Gym walls have been completed, and structural steel is going up in the administrative area.

WESTSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

When students return on August 15th, nearly 80% of Westside Middle School will have undergone renovations. Learning teams 7A, 7D, 8A, 8B, 8C, and 8D, will be complete and accessible for students, and a new media center will be finished within the first few weeks of class. A new secure entryway will also be complete.

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IN THE MEDIA

KMTV 3 News Now recently featured the Westside CAPS program and four recent WHS graduates who designed and built the new Oakdale Media Center desk! DLR Group and Project Advocates chose the design and mentored our students throughout the process. The students themselves constructed the desk out of wood salvaged from the former Oakdale Elementary. This beautiful piece, marrying tradition to innovation, will be on display when the new Oakdale Elementary opens in January 2018!

WATCH THE STORY HERE!

To see and read more local news stories featuring Westside Community Schools, visit <http://westside66.org/news-and-events/in-the-media/>



THROWBACK THURSDAY

Westside has long been invested in student wellness. Here, 2nd graders at Swanson Elementary observed 'Better Breakfast Month' in the 1960's.

Follow Westside on Facebook for more fun #ThrowbackThursday moments!



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THE 2017 SOLAR ECLIPSE

Westside Community Schools is preparing for this fall's historic solar eclipse, an event we hope to celebrate and learn from Districtwide. The eclipse will occur on August 21 from approximately 11:38am - 2:30pm. Westside High teacher and PAEMST Award Winner Angela Bergman has facilitated safety goggles for every student in our District, thanks to the Westside Foundation. We are conducting training with staff at each school but there is some risk associated with this event. **ALL FAMILIES ARE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT A FORM ALLOWING THEIR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN ECLIPSE-RELATED ACTIVITIES ON AUGUST 21.** Please watch your email in the coming weeks for this form, and click [HERE](#) to learn more about Westside's plans.

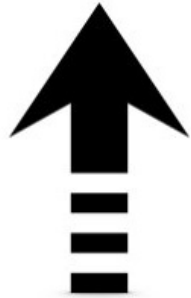


DID YOU KNOW...

Ensure continued excellence in district, state, and national assessments.

73.3%

2012



84.5%

2017

Increasing number of students who do not require reading interventions between 2012 and 2017.

CONNECT WITH US!

Visit our website and click on Let's Talk to ask questions or share your comments!



THE COLOSSEUM

Back-to-School Warrior Gear

The Colosseum, your student-run school spirit store, would like to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year.

To help make it a great year, we are offering special back-to-school Warrior gear for a limited time.

Check out the new gear and order online at squareup.com/store/thecolosseum

Orders must be submitted by Friday, August 18. Gear will be delivered to students during homeroom the week of September 4.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7/26 & 8/2..... Sports Physicals at Westside High School
- 7/27 & 8/2..... Warrior Walkabout at Westside Middle School
- 7/31..... Lighthouse Educator Academy Welcome Breakfast
- 7/31..... Board of Education Big Idea Meeting
- 8/5..... Warrior Band Fundraiser
- 8/6 & 8/20..... WHS Youth Sports Clinic
- 8/7..... All Staff Welcome Back Breakfast
- 8/7..... Board of Education Meeting
- 8/7 & 8/8..... Sports Physicals at Westside Middle School
- 8/8..... Bond Oversight Committee Meeting
- 8/10..... Sneak-A-Peeks
- 8/12..... Junior Warrior Volleyball Clinic
- 8/14-8/15..... WHS Picture Day
- 8/15..... First Day of School
- 8/15 & 8/17..... Paddock Road Welcome Coffee
- 8/15 & 8/17..... Westbrook New Parent Breakfast
- 8/19..... Little Warrior Volleyball Clinic
- 8/21..... Hillside Boohoo/Yahoo Breakfast
- 8/21..... Oakdale New Parent Breakfast
- 8/21..... Board of Education Meeting
- 8/22 & 8/24..... Rockbrook Curriculum Night
- 8/22..... Hillside Curriculum Night
- 8/22..... Swanson Curriculum Night
- 8/23..... WHS 9th Grade Curriculum Night
- 8/24..... WHS Club Fair & College Fair
- 8/24..... Loveland Curriculum Night
- 8/25..... Westside Kick Off Carnival

All dates and times are subject to change.

For the latest information and details, visit <http://westside66.org/calendar/>



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July 1, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:



Children need healthy meals to learn. **Westside Community Schools** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.40 at the elementary schools, \$1.65 at the middle school and \$1.80 at the high school**; lunch costs **\$2.30 at the elementary schools, \$2.65 at the middle school and \$2.90 or \$3.40 at the high school**. **Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals.** Reduced price is **\$.30** for breakfast and **\$.40** for lunch. If your child(ren) qualified for free or reduced price meals at the end of last school year, you must submit a new application by **September 27, 2017** in order to avoid an interruption in meal benefits.

This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Michele Divoky at 402.390.3382 or divoky.michele@westside66.net**.

3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. *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. Return the completed application to: **Michele Divoky, 8701 Pacific Street, Omaha, NE 68114 or divoky.michele@westside66.net**.

4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact **Michele Divoky at 402.390.3382 or divoky.michele@westside66.net** immediately.

5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if your school district makes this option available. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit **westside.getlunchtray.com** and click on the Free/Reduced Meal Application tab to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact **Michele Divoky at 402.390.3382 or divoky.michele@westside66.net** if you have any questions about the online application.

6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
7. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.
8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
9. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
10. 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 calling or writing to: **Erin Vik, Director at 909 S 76th Street, Omaha, NE 68114, 402.390.3383 or vik.erin@westside66.net** .
11. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.
12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
13. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
14. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
15. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application.
16. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, please go online to ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov or call 1-800-383-4278.

If you have other questions or need help, call **Michele Divoky at 402.390.3382 or email at divoky.michele@westside66.net**.

Sincerely

Erin Vik
Director, Westside Nutrition Services

Instructions for Completing the Free & Reduced Price School Meals Family Application

For households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), follow these instructions:

- Part 1:** List each child's name, the school they attend and their grade.
Part 2: Enter household's Master Case Number if the household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR.
Part 3: Skip this part.
Part 4: Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.
Part 5: This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

For households with FOSTER CHILDREN, follow these instructions:

If all children in the household are foster children:

- Part 1:** List all foster children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the box indicating the child is a foster child.
Part 2: Skip this part.
Part 3: Skip this part.
Part 4: Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.
Part 5: This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

If some of the children in the household are foster children:

- Part 1:** List all children, including foster children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the box if the child is a foster child.
Part 2: If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part.
Part 3: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.

Column 1 – Household Members: List the first and last name of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.

Column 2 - Gross Income and How Often it was Received: Gross income is the amount earned **before taxes and other deductions**; it is not your take-home pay. For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must also report how often the money is received – weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly.

Earnings from Work includes the following:

- Salary, wages, cash bonuses
- Net income from self-employment (farm or business)

If you are in the U.S. Military, include:

- Basic pay and cash bonuses (do not include combat pay, Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA) payments or privatized housing allowances)
- Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing

Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster care payments.

Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony includes the following:

- Unemployment benefits, Worker's compensation
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Cash assistance from state or local government
- Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), Strike benefits
- Child support payments, Alimony payments

Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income includes the following:

- Social Security payments (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)
- Private pensions or Disability benefits
- Regular income from trusts or estates, Annuities, Investment income, Earned interest, Rental income and *Regular* cash payments received from outside the household.

If you have no income, write "0" or leave the income field blank. If you do this, you are certifying there is no income to report.

Household Size: Enter the total number of people in your household.

Social Security Number: The adult signing the form must list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SSN) or check the box to the right labeled "Check if no SSN."

Part 4: Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.

Part 5: This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

For ALL other households, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List all children, the school they attend and their grade.

Part 2: If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part.

Part 3: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.

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Part 4: Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.

Part 5: This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Free & Reduced Price School Meals Family Application – complete one application per household

Return Completed Application to: Westside Community Schools

Part 1: Children in School

List names of all children, including foster children, in school. If all children listed are foster, skip to Part 4 to sign the form. (First, Middle Initial, Last Name)	Check box below if a foster child	Name of School Child Attends	Grade
	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Part 2: Assistance Programs – SNAP, TANF or FDPIR Benefits

Enter **MASTER CASE NUMBER** if household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR: (Social Security numbers, Medicaid numbers and EBT numbers are not accepted.) Skip to Part 4

Part 3: Total Household Gross Income – You must tell us how much and how often.

1. Household Members List everyone in the household, current income each person earns in whole dollars (no cents) & how often. Entering “0” or leaving the income field blank certifies no income to report. A foster child’s personal use income must be listed.	2. Gross Income (before taxes) and How Often it was Received					
	Earnings from Work before deductions		Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony		Pensions, Retirement and All Other Income	
	Income	How often	Income	How often	Income	How often

Total Number of Household Members: _____ (Children and Adults) Last four digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of the adult signing this form: XXX – XXX – _____ Check if no SSN

Part 4: Adult Signature and Contact Information – An adult household member must sign the application.

“I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws.”

Sign here: _____ Print name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address (if available): _____ Zip: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Part 5: Children’s Ethnic and Racial Identities – Optional

Check one Ethnic Identity: – and – **Check one or more Racial Identities:**

Hispanic or Latino Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 Not Hispanic or Latino White American Indian or Alaskan Native

Do Not Fill Out the Section Below - For School Use Only

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly X 52; Every 2 weeks X 26; Twice a month X 24; Monthly X 12

Total Household Size: _____

Total Income: _____ per _____

Year Month 2 X Mo Every 2 Wks Week

Free Reduced Denied
 Income Reason for denial:
 Categorically eligible: Income too high
 SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Incomplete application
 Foster Child

Signature of Determining Official: _____ Date Approved: _____

FOR THE VERIFICATION PROCESS ONLY:

Signature of Confirming Official: _____	Date Confirmed: _____	Date Withdrawn From School: _____
Signature of Verifying Official: _____	Date Verified: _____	

Free & Reduced Price School Meals Family Application – complete one application per household

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

FEDERAL INCOME CHART for School Year 2017-18					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	22,311	1,860	930	859	430
2	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
3	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727
4	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
5	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024
6	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
7	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
8	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471
Each additional person:	7,733	645	323	298	149

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 last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 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.

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