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THIS FALL, 'BACK TO SCHOOL' WILL ALSO MEAN 'BACK TO STUDENT MEAL RATES' FOR NUTRITIOUS SCHOOL MEALS

Schools will transition back to requiring family applications for free and reduced-price meals to meet USDA requirements.



Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Parent Should:

- *Complete the Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals and return it to the school office. Schools will notify families if they are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.*

District Will:

- *Review applications and notify families of eligibility status.*
- *Automatically qualify students based on the household's participation in other state or federal programs such as SNAP.*

CHECK WITH YOUR CHILD NUTRITION DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF YOU AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY.

Why is this change happening?

The federal government's pandemic-era waivers that granted free school meals for all students expire June 30, 2022. For the 2022-2023 school year schools will return to serving free and reduced-price meals based on the student's eligibility.

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