



# FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

## 2018-19 HOUSEHOLD LETTER

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Anderson School District Two offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.00**; lunch costs **\$2.00 (elementary schools) and \$2.20 (middle & high schools)**. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.** Reduced price is **\$.30** for breakfast and **\$.40** for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits and detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

**Paper Applications: (Do Not Use Pencil)**

- 1) Must have all required information to complete/process. Incomplete apps will delay processing time.
- 2) Only one (1) per family – unless 1 or more are Foster children. Foster children **MUST** have a separate application.
- 3) Return the completed application to your child’s school or to ASD2 Food Service, 10990 Belton-Honea Path Hwy., Honea Path, SC 29654.

**1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?**

- All children in households receiving benefits from [State **SNAP**], [the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (**FDPIR**)] or [State **TANF**], 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 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.

Household size	(1) Free meals – 130%					(2) Reduced price meals – 185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1.....	15,782	1,316	658	607	304	22,459	1,872	936	864	432
2.....	21,398	1,784	892	823	412	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3.....	27,014	2,252	1,126	1,039	520	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4.....	32,630	2,720	1,360	1,255	628	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5.....	38,246	3,188	1,594	1,471	736	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6.....	43,862	3,656	1,828	1,687	844	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7.....	49,478	4,124	2,062	1,903	952	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8.....	55,094	4,592	2,296	2,119	1,060	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
For each additional family member, add	5,616	468	234	216	108	7,992	666	333	308	154

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 your child’s school or District Two’s homeless liaison; Mr. Carlos Brooks.
3. **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** **No. Use only one (1) Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.** List **ALL** children in your household, regardless if they are in school or not in Step 1 of the application (including Grade.) Only exception is Foster children who must be listed on a separate application.
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 carefully and follow the instructions. **If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, please immediately contact Pam McDowell (864)**



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**369-7364 to add additional children, or return the notification letter with names listed. Just because a letter was received for one child does not automatically qualify others. You will be responsible for any charges accrued until all children are added.**

5. **CAN I APPLY ONLINE? Yes!** You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application. This option is made available as part of student online registration. The online application will ask for the same information as the paper application. Visit [www.anderson2.org](http://www.anderson2.org) or your child's school webpage and find the "online application" link. Contact Pam McDowell @ (864) 369-7364 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, through **October 3, 2018**. If you have not completed a new application and been notified that your child is eligible for the current school year, your child will be charged the full price for meals in which you will be responsible for any outstanding balances.
7. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
8. **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.
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 calling or writing to: PAM MCDOWELL 10990 BELTON-HONEA PATH HWY. HONEA PATH, SC 29654
10. **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.
11. **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.
12. **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. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
13. **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.
14. **WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR ALL MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY?** List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application.
15. **MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for State SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call the State hotline number.

If you have other questions or need help, please feel free to call (864) 369-7364.

Sincerely,

*Pam McDowell*

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Food Services Specialist