

Terrebonne Parish Schools, Child Nutrition Program announced its policy today that this school year, healthy meals will be offered every school day to all students at no cost. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has issued this benefit for School year 2021-2022. You may view the Terrebonne Parish School Wellness Policy H-3.6g on our web site: <http://www.tpsd.org>.

While no application or eligibility determination is required for your student to receive free meals this school year, income eligibility requirements will likely resume in the 2022-2023 school year. As such, Terrebonne Parish School District will process household applications during school year 2021-2022 to ensure student eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals during the first 30 days of 2022-2023 or until a new determination is established. Each school site has a copy of the policy, which you may review upon request.

Starting on August 10, 2021, the Child Nutrition Program will begin distributing letters to the households of the children at Bourg Elementary, Mulberry Elementary and South Terrebonne High School about processing applications and the benefits. Applications are also available at 340 Saint Charles Street, Building #3, Houma, LA. The following income criteria will be used for determining eligibility:

REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185%					FREE MEALS - 130%			
House-hold Size	Annual	Monthly	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$908	\$454	\$16,588	\$1,383	\$638	\$319
2	\$31,894	\$2,658	\$1,227	\$614	\$22,412	\$1,868	\$862	\$431
3	\$40,182	\$3,349	\$1,546	\$773	\$28,236	\$2,353	\$1,086	\$543
4	\$48,470	\$4,040	\$1,865	\$933	\$34,060	\$2,839	\$1,310	\$655
5	\$56,758	\$4,730	\$2,183	\$1,092	\$39,884	\$3,324	\$1,534	\$767
6	\$65,046	\$5,421	\$2,502	\$1,251	\$45,708	\$3,809	\$1,758	\$879
7	\$73,334	\$6,112	\$2,821	\$1,411	\$51,532	\$4,295	\$1,982	\$991
8	\$81,622	\$6,802	\$3,140	\$1,570	\$57,356	\$4,780	\$2,206	\$1,103
For each Additional Family Member add	+\$8,288	+\$691	+\$319	+\$160	+\$5,824	+\$486	+\$224	+\$112

To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out one application for the household and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. The information provided by the household is confidential; it will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Information may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

All children in households with any household member receiving benefits under Assistance Programs such as: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) or Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are eligible for free meals. For school officials to determine eligibility, each household that is now receiving benefits from Assistance Programs must provide the case number of a household member as well as the signature of an adult household member.

All other households must provide the following information on the application: names of all household members; the amount of income (before deductions for taxes, last 4 digits Social Security, etc.) each household member receives; how often the person receives the income; where it is from, such as wages, retirement, or welfare; the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct; and the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signed the application, or a statement that the household member does not possess one.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for meal benefits and an updated meal application should be forwarded to the Child Nutrition Program.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price policy, Child Nutrition Program will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the application, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis at 985-876-7407. If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make either an oral or written response to the Hearing Official.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Information

Students at the following schools are eligible to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision. This program is part of the Healthy, Hunger Free Act of 2010, for 2021-22 school year.

CEP Schools

Acadian Elementary	Bayou Black Elementary	H.L. Bourgeois High
Broadmoor Elementary	Caldwell Middle	Coteau-Bayou Blue Elementary
Dularge Elementary	Ellender High	Evergreen Jr. High
Gibson Elementary	Grand Caillou Elementary	Grand Caillou Middle
Honduras Elementary	Houma Jr. High	Lacache Middle
Legion Park Elementary	Lisa Park Elementary	Montegut Elementary
Montegut Middle	Oaklawn Middle	Oakshire Elementary
Schriever Elementary	Southdown Elementary	School for Exceptional Children
Terrebonne High	Upper Little Caillou Elem.	Village East Elementary

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