## 2016-2017 CONFIDENTIAL FAMILY APPLICATION FOR FREE & REDUCED MEALS

### NOTICE:

- If you received an ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION FREE MEALS from the school district **do not** complete this application.
- See Application Instructions on back of form.

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		Home Phone or Cell Phone or Work (Circle One)						
	Name <u>Print</u>	Email address						
	Mailing Address – Apt #	→ Number living in this household (Write names of all household members						
	City State Zip	on part 2 and/or part 4 of this form)						
2	STUDENT INFORMATION							
	Child's Name (Legal Last name, First name) S	chool Grade Birth Date Check if (optional) (optional) Foster Child						
1.								
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5.								
2	BENEFITS If any member of your household receives SNAP or TANF, provi	to the name and each number of the member reaching here fits						
		c the name and case number of the member receiving benefits Case Number						
INd	ime 🛛 SNAP	Go to Part 5 below						
Does this household receive FDPIR (Food Distribution on Indian Reservations)  Yes (Go Part 5 and complete)								
4	HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS & GROSS MONTHLY INCOME - if							
	Column 1 Column 2 Column List all household members, including MONTHLY MONTHLY							
	children not attending school, and income. INCOME SUPPORT,	PENSIONS, INCOME - Including No						
	Do not include students listed in part 2, (Total earnings & WELFARE,							
	unless they receive regular income. wages before ALIMONY (Last name first name) deductions) RECEIVED	SECURITY, workers comp. RETIREMENT						
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3.		<b>_ _</b>						
4.								
5	SIGNATURE, DATE and Last four numbers of SOCIAL SEC	JRITY NUMBER (Adult must sign)						
	I certify (promise) that all of the information on this application is true (correct) and that all income is reported. I understand that the							
	school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I							
understand that if I give purposely false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted.								
Signature of Adult Household Member       Date Signed       Social Security Number       I do not have a								
v		See privacy statement on back) Social Security						
<u>X</u> _		XX-XX Number.						
6	RACIAL OR ETHNIC GROUP (OPTIONAL)							
	Mark one ethnic identity: Mark one or more racial identities:							
	Not Hispanic or Latino     American Indian & Alaskan Nat							
	□ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander □ Other							
I prefer all written correspondence in Spanish 🛛 Russian 🖓 Other								
7	I do not want my information shared with State children's health in							
	I have a child (or children) who does not have any kind of health coverage Plan/Healthy Kids, I am interested in free or reduced cost health coverage							
Plan/Healthy Kids. I am interested in free or reduced cost health coverage for at least one of my children.  Yes No SCHOOL USE ONLY - DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE								
Total Income:       Number in household:       Date Withdrawn:								
	Free based on:							
I	□ SNAP/TANF/FDPIR □ household income □ incom	e too high						
	•	plete application						
household income Determining Official's Signature : Date Date								
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# **Application Instructions**

- If your household receives SNAP, TANF or FDPIR, complete parts 1, 2, 3 and 5; parts 6 and 7 are optional.
- If you do not receive these benefits and your **income** is <u>below</u> the guidelines, complete parts 1, 2, 4, 5; parts 6 and 7 are optional.
- If you are a household with a **FOSTER CHILD**, complete parts 1, 2, 4, and 5; parts 6 and 7 are optional. Any income fields left blank will be counted as zeros. Please be careful that you meant to leave income fields blank.

## DETERMINING MONTHLY INCOME FOR EARNINGS & WAGES

**Monthly income** for all household members must be reported in Part 4 of this application. Income means any money regularly received from work, child support, alimony, pensions, retirements, social security or any other source. Exclude student/school loans.

Household members who are not paid monthly should change earnings into monthly income by doing the following:

Household members who are <u>paid every week</u>: Multiply total earnings and wages for one pay period, before deductions, by 52. Then divide by 12. The resulting amount is the total monthly income.

Household members who are <u>paid every 2 weeks</u>: Multiply total earnings and wages for one pay period, before deductions, by 26. Then divide by 12. The resulting amount is the total monthly income.

Household members who are <u>paid twice a month</u>: Multiply total earnings and wages for one pay period, before deductions, by 24 then divide by 12. The resulting amount is the total monthly income.

Household members who are <u>seasonal workers or work less than 12 months</u>: Project annual rate of income to accurately represent actual circumstances then divide by 12. The resulting amount is the projected monthly income.

Note: Money received from a business or farm owned by you should be reported as "net income." Net Income is defined as the total income left after business and farm operating expenses are subtracted from gross receipts.

### FEDERAL INCOME GUIDELINES

Your children may qualify at least for reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits of this chart.

	Reduced Price Meals				
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
-1-	21,978	1,832	916	846	423
-2-	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570
-3-	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718
-4-	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865
-5-	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012
-6-	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160
-7-	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
-8-	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
For each additional family member add	7,696	642	321	296	148

### **PRIVACY STATEMENT - SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS and OTHER INFORMATION**

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 4 digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last 4 digits of the social security number is 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. We may share the information on this form with Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), unless you tell us not to. The information, if disclosed, will only be used to identify eligible children and seek to enroll them in Medicaid or SCHIP.

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