

Free/Reduced Meals Information

Tahoma School District participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP).

- Students may qualify for meal benefits based on approved applications for free and reduced-priced meals.
- The forms are available at the schools, the District's Central Services Center, the Food Service office, and online https://www.tahomasd.us/departments/nutrition_services/free_reduced-priced_meal_information
- The District mass emails the application forms to all Tahoma families before the start of the school year.
- Direct Certification: Homeless, migrant and foster students are categorically eligible for free meal benefits.

All meal benefits from the previous school year expire on October 13, 2022.

- If you want to renew your child's status, please submit a new application for SY2022-23 by October 13, 2022.
- **If you do not fill out a new application and apply for meal benefits by October 13, 2022, your child's status will revert to paid until a new application is approved.**
- Applications for meal benefits may be submitted at any time during the school year.
- Eligibility for school meals is used to determine eligibility for **P-EBT benefits**. Students are not eligible for P-EBT benefits unless the District has approved their application for free or reduced-price meals in SY2022-23.
- Eligibility for school meals is used to determine eligibility for **fee waivers for college applications, admission tests and athletic programs**. To be eligible for decreased fees or fee waivers, please allow your eligibility status to be shared with other school programs and submit the **Consent-To-Share form**.
Please click here: <https://www.tahomasd.us/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=57490448>

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to submit a new application at the start of each school year.

- Starting on Monday, August 1, 2022 paper applications for meal benefits are available at the Tahoma Central Services Center, 25720 Maple Valley Black Diamond Rd. SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038.
- Starting on Monday, August 1, 2022, applications may be submitted online thru [Skyward Family Access](#) .
- Returning the application in a timely manner will ensure that children do not lose meal benefits and other benefits to which they are entitled. **Please complete ONE (1) application per family.**
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- Per USDA regulations, all applications must be processed within 10 school days of receipt. Applications are typically processed within 48 hours. Parents/Guardians will be notified by mail when the application has been processed.
- All information on the application is confidential.

Foreign language translations of the application forms are posted here:

- <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/translated-applications>
- <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/applying-free-and-reduced-price-school-meals>

Parents/Guardians are responsible for paying for all school meals served to their child(ren) including meals served prior to qualifying for free or reduced-price meals.

- Every student has a cafeteria account.
- All cafeteria account balances will carry over to the next school year. If the student moves to a new building, the balance will transfer. We encourage parents to check their child's account balance before school starts.
- If your child's account balance is negative, please make a payment to pay down or pay off the negative balance.
- *Breakfast and lunch will be served at no cost to those children who qualify for free and reduced-price meals in grades K-12. All other students will be charged the rates shown below.*

Grades	Breakfast		Lunch	
	regular	reduced price	regular	reduced price
K-5	\$2.75	\$0.00	\$4.25	\$0.00
6-8	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$4.75	\$0.00
9-12	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00
Adult	\$4.00	-	\$6.00	-
Milk only	\$0.75	-	\$0.75	-

Please make **online payments** at <https://wa-tahoma.intouchrecepting.com>, or send **check or cash payments** with your child to school. Please make checks payable to Nutrition Services and write your child's full name in the memo line.

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