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Houston County Parents Encouraged to Complete Free and Reduced-price Meal Application

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - For the past two years, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has granted the opportunity for schools nationwide to offer breakfast and lunch at no charge to students. However, federal funding to continue feeding all students at no cost for the upcoming school year has not been provided at this time.

For the 2022-2023 school year, the Houston County School District is returning to the standard *Free or Reduced-price Meal application* and is requesting that all families complete and submit this form. The application is quick and easy to complete by visiting <https://www.nlappscloud.com/>. In addition to free or reduced-price meals, the application provides many direct benefits to the school, students, and community, such as additional funding for staff, equipment, and supplies.

The Houston County School District will continue to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision, which allows students enrolled in 19 sites across the county to continue to eat at no cost. The eligible schools in Houston County are:

- CB Watson Primary,
- Centerville Elementary,
- WIN Academy,
- Huntington Middle,
- Lindsey Student Support Center,
- Miller Elementary,
- Morningside Elementary,
- Northside Elementary,
- Northside High,
- Northside Middle,
- Parkwood Elementary,
- Pearl Stephens Elementary,
- Russell Elementary,
- Shirley Hills Elementary,
- Thomson Middle,
- Tucker Elementary,
- Warner Robins Middle,
- Warner Robins High, and
- Westside Elementary.

“Our District remains committed to continuing to support our families as best we can,” said Meredith Potter, School Nutrition Director. “In order to make school meals as assessable as possible for families, prices for breakfast and lunch will remain the same as they were in 2019.”

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Prices for school meals are listed below.

Primary & Elementary School:

Breakfast:

Regular price - \$1.75

Reduced price - \$0.30

Lunch:

Regular price - \$2.50

Reduced price - \$0.40

Middle & High School:

Breakfast:

Regular price - \$1.75

Reduced price - \$0.30

Lunch:

Regular price - \$2.75

Reduced price - \$0.40

Potter added, "While we have seen the benefits firsthand of feeding all children at no cost for the last two years, we look forward to doing what we do best – feeding our students and supporting families."

For more information on school meals including pricing, CEP Schools, and Q&A's, please visit <https://www.hcbe.net/schoolnutrition>.