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### SAU #7 – COLEBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

#### Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Colebrook Academy and Elementary School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast for all grade levels costs \$1.70; lunch costs for grades PK-5 \$2.95 and grades 6-12 \$3.15. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$.00 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. Below are some common questions and answers to aid in the process of determining your child's eligibility.

- 1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?
  - All children in households receiving benefits from **NH SNAP** or **NH 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 participating in their school's Head Start program 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.

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FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY	INCOME CHART	For School Year	2024 - 2025
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	27,861	2,322	536
2	37,814	3,152	728
3	47,767	3,981	919
4	57,720	4,810	1,110
5	67,673	5,640	1,302
6	77,626	6,469	1,493
7	87,579	7,299	1,685
8	97,532	8,128	1,876
Each additional person:	9,953	830	192

- 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 SAU #7 603-237-4104 Ext.4111 or email: brenda.puglisi@sau7.org.
- 3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: SAU #7 21 Academy St. Colebrook NH 03576. 603-237-4104 Ext.4111.
- 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 you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact SAU #7 603-237-4104 Ext.4111 21 Academy St Colebrook NH 03576 immediately.
- 5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? No, currently your school is only accepting paper applications.

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- 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. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- 7. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC <u>may</u> be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application.
- 8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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:

SAU #7 21 ACADEMY ST COLEBROOK NH 03576, 603-237-4104 EXT. 4105, dana.hilliard@sau7.org

- 11. MY 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.
- 12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you <u>normally</u> 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.
- 13. 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. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
- 14. 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

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off-base housing, food, or clothing, or receive Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments, 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.

- 15. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact SAU #7 21 Academy St Colebrook NH 03576, 603-237-4104 Ext. 4111 to receive a second application.
- 16. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for **SNAP**, **TANF**, **FDPIR** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **603 271-9700 or 844-275-3447**.

If you have other questions or need help, call 603-237-4104 EXT. 4111.

Sincerely.

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Frank Edelblut Commissioner

Christine M. Brennan Deputy Commissioner

#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 25 Hall Street Concord, NH 03301 TEL. (603) 271-3495 FAX (603) 271-1953

### FEDERAL INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (Effective from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025)

	FREE N	IEAL GUIDELINE	S (130%)		
		INCOME	(Equal to or Less	Than)	
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	YEARLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks
1	\$19,578	\$1,632	\$377	\$816	\$753
2	26,572	2,215	511	1,108	1,022
3	33,566	2,798	646	1,399	1,291
4	40,560	3,380	780	1,690	1,560
5	47,554	3,963	915	1,982	1,829
6	54,548	4,546	1,049	2,273	2,098
7	61,542	5,129	1,184	2,565	2,367
8	68,536	5,712	1,318	2,856	2,636
For each additional Household member add	+ \$ 6,994	+ \$ 583	+ \$ 135	+ \$ 292	+ \$ 269

	REDUCED PR	ICE MEAL GUID	ELINES (185%)		
		INCOME	(Equal to or Less	Than)	
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	YEARLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks
1	\$ 27,861	2,322	536	1,161	1,072
2	37,814	3,152	728	1,576	1,455
3	47,767	3,981	919	1,991	1,838
4	57,720	4,810	1,110	2,405	2,220
5	67,673	5,640	1,302	2,820	2,603
6	77,626	6,469	1,493	3,235	2,986
7	87,579	7,299	1,685	3,650	3,369
8	97,532	8,128	1,876	4,064	3,752
For each additional Household member add	+ \$ 9,953	+ \$830	+ \$ 192	+ \$ 415	+\$ 383

The press release should contain both the Free and Reduced Price scale.

The letter to the parents for meal programs must only contain the Reduced Price scale.

The letter to the parents for the Special Milk Program must only contain the Free price scale. 2024-2025

# How To Apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

application per household, even if your children attend more than one school in the [Insert School District]. Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free and reduced price school meals. You only need to submit one

are not sure what to do next, please contact [Insert school/school district contact here; phone and email preferred]. Please follow these instructions in order! Each step of the instructions is the same as the steps on your application. If at any time you The application must be filled out completely to determine the eligibility of your child(ren) for free or reduced price school meals

Please use a pen (not a pencil) when filling out the application and do your best to print clearly.

# Step 1: List ALL children, infants, and students up to and including grade 12

you to be a part of your household. Tell us how many infants/toddlers, children not in school, and elementary/middle/high school students live in your household. They do NOT have to be related to

Who should I list here? When filling out this section, please include ALL members in your household who are

- Children age 18 or under AND are supported with the household's income;
- In your care under a formal foster arrangement through a court or state/local agency, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth;
- Students attending (regardless of age) [school/school system here].

out of space. If there are more short for middle initial. Print the applies to adults in Step 3. "MI" is additional children. This also all required information for the if completing electronically) with of paper (or a second application application, attach a second piece children present than lines on the of the application for each child. each child's name. Use one line first letter of each child's middle letter in each box. Stop if you run When printing names, write one A) List each child's name. Print name in the box.

B) Is the child a student? level of the student in the If "Yes," write the grade

C) Do you have any foster children? If any "Foster Child" box next to the child's name. If children listed are foster children, mark the finishing Step 1, go to Step 4.

custody and placed with a state-licensed adult, minor child who has been taken into state considered foster children. A foster child is a Step 3. Note: Adopted children are not who cares for the child in place of their parent for both foster and non-foster children, go to members of your household and should be Foster children who live with you may count as listed on your application. If you are applying

"Grade" column to the right. you are ONLY applying for foster children, after Homeless, Migrant, Runaway" box next to the potentially needing to contact you later order to prevent the school district from section meets this description, mark the complete an income-based application. You may then the school district will contact you to student's homeless, migrant, or runaway status, staff. If the school district cannot confirm your must be confirmed with the appropriate program application. Homeless, Migrant, Runaway status child's name and complete all steps of the runaway? If you believe any child listed in this D) Are any children homeless, migrant, or

# Step 2: Do any household members currently participate in SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR?

for free school meals: If anyone in your household (including you) currently participates in one or more of the assistance programs listed below, your children are eligible

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or (603) 271-9700
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or (603) 271-9700
- The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

# A) If no one in your household participates in any of the above listed programs:

Check "No" in Step 2 and go to Step 3.

# B) If anyone in your household participates in any of the above listed programs:

- Write a case number for SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR. You only need to provide one case number. If you participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, contact
- (603) 271-9700 NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Go to Step 4.

# Step 3: List ALL household members and income for each member

# How do I report my income?

- Use the lists titled "Sources of Income" & "Examples of Income for Children," on the back side of the application form to determine if your household has income to report.
- Report all amounts in GROSS INCOME ONLY. Report all income in whole dollars. Do not include cents
- Gross income is the total income received before taxes and deductions.
- Many people think of income as the amount they "take home" and not the total, "gross" amount. Make sure that the income you report on this application has NOT been reduced to pay for taxes, insurance premiums, or any other amounts taken from your pay.
- Write a "0" in any fields where there is no income to report. Any income fields left empty or blank will also be counted as a zero. If you write "0" or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials suspect that your household income was reported incorrectly, your application will be investigated
- Mark how often each type of income is received using the check boxes to the right of each field

# 3.A. Report income earned by adults

## Who should I list here?

- When filling out this section, please include ALL adult members in your household who are living with you and share income and expenses, even if they are not related and even if they do not receive income of their own
- Do NOT include:
- People who live with you but are not supported by your household's income AND do not contribute income to your household
- Infants, children and students already listed in Step 1.

# Step 3: List ALL household members and income for each member

# 1) List adult household members' names.

are declared independently on taxes (all college students are considered adults). Do not list any household members you listed in Step 1. Print the name of each household member in the boxes marked "Names of Adult Household Members (First and Last)." Include college students, unless they

# 2) List earnings from work.

employed business or farm owner, you will report your net income. Net income is your income after taxes and deductions have been subtracted List all income from work in the "Earnings from Work" field on the application. This is usually the money received from working at jobs. If you are a self-

- What if I have multiple jobs? List each job separately by entering your name and income from each job on a new line. Add an additional sheet of paper if necessary.
- expenses of your business from its gross receipts (revenue). Gross receipts or revenue are all the income earned from the sale of any products or What if I am self-employed? List income from your business as a net amount. This net amount is calculated by subtracting the total operating services offered.

If a child listed in Step 1 has income, follow the instructions in Step 3, Part B.

# List income from public assistance/child support/alimony.

should be reported as "other" income in the next part. benefits NOT listed on the chart. If income is received from child support or alimony, only report court-ordered payments. Informal but regular payments List all income that applies in the "Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony" field on the application. Do not report the cash value of any public assistance

# 4) List income from pensions/retirement/all other income.

List all income that applies in the "Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income" field on the application.

source on a new line. Add an additional sheet of paper if necessary. What if I receive income from multiple sources in this category? List each source separately by entering your name and income from each

# 5) List total household size.

household members listed in Step 1 and Step 3. If there are any members of your household that you have not listed on the application, go back and add them. It is very important to list all household members, as the size of your household affects your eligibility for free and reduced price meals Enter the total number of household members in the field "Total Household Members (Children and Adults)." This number MUST be equal to the number of

# 6) Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

you do not have a Social Security Number. If no adult household members have a Social Security Number, leave this space blank and mark the box to the An adult household member must enter the last four digits of their Social Security Number in the space provided. You are eligible to apply for benefits even if right labeled "Check if no Social Security Number.

# 3.B List income earned by children

# List all income earned or received by children.

List the combined gross income for ALL children listed in **Step 1** in your household in the box marked "Child Income." Only count foster children's income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your household.

What is Child Income? Child income is money received from outside your household that is paid DIRECTLY to your children. Many households do not have any child income.

# Step 4: Contact information and adult signature

back of the application. information has been truthfully and completely reported. Before completing this section, please also make sure you have read the statements on the All applications must be signed by an adult member of the household. By signing the application, that household member is promising that all

but helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you. Sharing a phone number, email address, or both is optional, available. If you have no permanent address, that is okay. mailing address in the fields provided, if this information is A) Provide your contact information. Write your current

Optiona

application and that person signs name of the adult signing the B) Print and sign your name in the box "Signature of adult." and write today's date. Print the

C) Mail completed application to:

School/District address here Insert

or reduced-price meals will be delayed. questions about applications to the USDA Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights or your child's eligibility for free Please return the application directly to your child's SCHOOL. DO NOT mail, fax, or email completed applications or protected by the Privacy Act. By providing this information, you will assist us in assuring that this program is administered in a nondiscriminatory manner. purpose of determining the State's compliance with Federal civil rights laws, and your response will not affect consideration of your application, and may be ethnicity. This field is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price school meals. This information is requested solely for the Share children's racial and ethnic identities (optional). On the back of the application, we ask you to share information about your children's race and

# 2024 - 2025 Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School

Weals Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil).

**APPLY ONLINE:** Online is not available **RETURN TO (School/District Name):** SAU #7 **ADDRESS:** 21 Academy St Colebrook NH 03576

	al)	Email (optional)		ptional)	Phone (optional)		Zip	2	State		City	Mailing Address (if available)
		Today's Date						ult	Signature of Adult		Form	Print Name of Adult Signing the Form
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Write only one case number in this space.	Write only o				Fonly):	and TAN	CASE NUMBER (SNAP and TANF only):	CASE NUI	d to STEP 4.	er here and procee	YES → Write case number here and proceed to STEP 4.	○ NO → Go to STEP 3.
s in NH.	lo NOT qualify children for free or reduced price meal benefits in NH.	free or redu	ildren for	OT qualify ch	number do NO	caid case	note, Medi	? *Please	SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR	ı) participate in:	Do any household members (including you) participate in: SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR? *Please note, Medicaid case number a	Do any house
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Application Instruction's Step 1: Part C &		ECK all										
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Return completed form to your child's school.

SOURCES AND EXAMPLES OF INCOME For additional information on income, please refer to the instructions that accompany this application

allowances)  Allowances for off-base housing, food, and clothing	<ul> <li>If you are in the U.S. Military:</li> <li>Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA, or privatized housing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Salary, wages, cash bonuses, tips, commissions</li> <li>Net income from self-employment (farm or business)</li> </ul>	Earnings from Work	
Veterans benefits     Strike benefits	Coal passactice for its action local government     Alimony payments     Child support payments	Unemployment benefits     Workers' compensation     Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Public Assistance/Alimony/ Child Support	Sources of Income
<ul> <li>Rental income</li> <li>Regular cash payments from outside household</li> </ul>	Income from rusts or estates     Annuities     Investment income     Earned interest	<ul> <li>Social Security/Disability (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)</li> <li>Private Pensions or disability benefits</li> </ul>	Pensions/Retirement/ All other sources of income	
<ul> <li>A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits</li> <li>A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages</li> </ul>	Examples of Income for Children

OPTIONAL Children's ethnic and racial identities. This information is kept confidential and may be protected by the Privacy Act of 1974.

and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional

Race (check one or more): American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African Ameri	Ethnicity (check one): 🥅 Hispanic or Latino (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or c
can Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race)
White	Not Hispanic or Latino

Return this completed form to your child's school. \*Do not mail, fax, or email completed applications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

## DO NOT FILL OUT For school use only.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly × 52, Every 2 Weeks × 26, Twice a Month × 24, Monthly × 12. Do not annualize income to determine eligibility unless more than one income frequency is listed

Determining Official's Signature		Total Income	
Date	0	Weekly 2Weeks 2xMonth Monthly	How often?
Confirming Official's Signature		Annual Household size	
Date	Eligibility		
Verifying Official's Signature	0	Free Reduced Denied	Eligibility
Date			

## **Use of Information Statement**

and nutrition programs to help them deliver program benefits to your household. Inspectors and law enforcement may also use your information to make sure that program rules are met approve complete forms. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, from this application to see who qualifies for free or reduced price meals. We can only The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that we use information

free meals for a foster child, and children who are homeless, migrant, or runaway. Some children qualify for free meals without an application. Please contact your school to get Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) do not need to list a Social Security number. Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution number. Applications for children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Social Security Number.' Applications for a foster child do not need to list a Social Security household member who signs the application. If the adult does not have one, 'Check if no Please be sure to provide the last four numbers of the Social Security number of the adult

\*MAIL:

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

# The contact information below is solely to file a complaint of discrimination

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writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged be obtained online at: https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

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#### 1. mail:

U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3. **email:** 

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### Application Prototype Cover Page

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This information is being collected to assist the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) in providing program operators an application prototype for participation in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). This application prototype meets all of the regulatory requirements. While it is voluntary for program operators to use this application prototype, the information it collects is required for applicants to obtain program benefits in accordance with the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) (42 U.S.C. § 1758). FNS does not use the information collected at the local level. This collection requests personally identifiable information under the Privacy Act of 1974; all responses are to be kept private to the extent provided by law. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this information collection is 0584-0026. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 7 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Child Nutrition, Office of Policy Support, 1320 Braddock Place, 5th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314, ATTN: PRA (0584-0026). Do not return the completed form to this address.