



## OTHER INFORMATION

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Sus hijos podrían calificar para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precios reducidos si los ingresos de su unidad familiar corresponden a, o están por debajo de los límites señalados en este cuadro.

<b>2021-2022 FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART FOR REDUCED MEALS</b>					
<b>Tabla Federal de Salarios Elegibles Para Almuerzo Reducido</b>					
<b>para el año escolar 2022-23</b>					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	25,142	2,096	1,048	967	484
2	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
3	42,606	3,551	1,776	1,639	820
4	51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	988
5	60,070	5,006	2,503	2,311	1,156
6	68,802	5,734	2,867	2,647	1,324
7	77,534	6,462	3,231	2,983	1,492
8	86,266	7,189	3,595	3,318	1,659
For each additional family	+8,732	+728	+364	+336	+168

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Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

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 four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four 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.

La ley de almuerzos escolares Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act ordena que se proporcione la información que se pide en esta solicitud. No tiene que darnos la información, pero si no lo hace, no podemos aprobar las comidas gratuitas o a precios reducidos para su hijo. Usted tiene que incluir los últimos cuatro dígitos del número de Seguro Social del miembro adulto de la unidad familiar que firme la solicitud. Esos últimos cuatro dígitos del número de Seguro Social no se requieren si usted solicita en nombre de un hijo de crianza o si provee un número de caso de los programas Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) o Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), o bien otro número de identificación del FDPIR para su hijo, y tampoco si indica que el miembro adulto de la unidad familiar que firma la solicitud no tiene un número de Seguro Social. Usaremos su información para decidir si su hijo reúne los requisitos para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precios reducidos, así como para administrar y hacer cumplir los programas de almuerzos y desayunos. PODEMOS compartir su información de elegibilidad con ciertos programas de educación, salud y nutrición para ayudarlos a evaluar, financiar o determinar los beneficios de sus programas, con los auditores de revisión de programas y con funcionarios del orden público para ayudarlos a investigar violaciones de las reglas de los programas.

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Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

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## FOOD SERVICE - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Only the elementary school students are guaranteed to eat for free at Lake Wales Charter Schools. All other students must submit an application. Please, read below.

1. Where is the application for meal benefits available?  
**Online at [www.lunchapplication.com](http://www.lunchapplication.com) (recommended method) or you can ask for a paper copy at the school.**
2. Do I need to complete an application for meal benefits so my child can have free or reduced lunch?  
**Yes.**
3. How often do I need to apply?  
**Yearly, at the beginning of the school year.**
4. Do I need to complete the application even if my child received the benefits during the last school year?  
**Yes. If you don't, your child will lose the benefits and will be charged as a full paid student. You will be responsible for those charges.**
5. What happens if I don't submit an application?  
**Your child will be charged as a full paid student. You will be responsible for those charges.**
6. Will the debt be erased if I apply subsequently, and qualify for the meal benefits?  
**No. You will be responsible for the total amount of the debt incurred.**
7. How do I know if my child qualifies for meal benefits?  
**The best way to know is applying. There is also an income chart provided with the application that will help you determine if your child qualifies.**
8. Will my child qualify for benefits if the household receives SNAP or TANF?  
**Yes. However, you still need to complete the application for meal benefits.**
9. How can money be added to an account?  
**Bring cash or check to the cashier. You can also set up an account using [www.k12paymentcenter.com](http://www.k12paymentcenter.com) if you want to add money using a debit or credit card.**

Please, find in the back of this paper the Food Service Account Balance Policy for the school year 2022-23.

**LAKE WALES CHARTER SCHOOLS**  
**FOOD SERVICE ACCOUNT BALANCE POLICY**  
**2022-23**

Good nutrition is a key factor in student success. The LWCS system recognizes that everyone forgets to send money for his/her child occasionally. The system also recognizes the need for good financial responsibility for our food service programs to be successful. When school meals are not paid for, both the students and the school system are impacted. Particularly at a time when food costs are escalating, it becomes even more critical to receive payment from families for meals provided at school.

We recommend and encourage parents to regularly deposit monies into the student's account. Should the occasion arise when there is a zero balance in the student's account, LWCS will allow the student to charge one day of regular food service which includes one breakfast at the cost of \$1.25 (which is the full price) and one lunch at the cost of \$2.90 (full price).

*\*Students that are approved for free meals will not be denied a meal, even if they have a negative balance for other cafeteria purchases. This provision does not include meals purchased from A la' carte.*

A student carrying a negative balance can purchase regular meals if monies are provided to cover the cost of that day's meal service. A negative balance will not preclude the student from participating in the regular lunch program if monies are provided for the meal service. However, it may impede his/her participation in extracurricular activities such as field trips, dances, and/or special events until the account has been paid in full.

Letters will be delivered weekly to students whose account balances are reflecting a negative balance and reminders will be sent to parents via e-mail for those who have established online accounts on [k12paymentcenter.com](http://k12paymentcenter.com). Registration for this service is free; however, bank fees will be applied for all deposits made online. LWCS encourages all parents to register for this service to monitor their student's account activity.

Families may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. To determine qualification status, parents must complete a Free and Reduced Lunch Application and return it to the school office. Parents will still be responsible for any charges that have previously accrued, as well as any charges that are incurred while the application is being reviewed. Students who had received free or reduced-price status at a school that is part of Lake Wales Charter Schools, by the end of the previous year, will receive those benefits for the first 30 school days of the new school year. However, it is imperative that the parent complete an application within the first month of the new school year to reestablish benefits in accordance with current National School Lunch Program guidelines. If there are extenuating circumstances, please contact the principal at your student's school.

*\*LWCS will protect the confidentiality of a student's meal benefits by utilizing a point of sale system that does not overtly distinguish a student as having paid, free, or reduced status.*

A copy of this policy may be found on LWCS website and will be given to the student at the beginning of the school year along with the lunch benefit application. Policy may also be obtained anytime by contacting Chris Reams at 863-215-8440. *Families enrolling students after the beginning of the school will be given a copy of this policy at the time of enrollment.*

Current Full Pay Meal Pricing:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Reduced-Price Student</u>
Breakfast	\$2.00	\$1.25	.30
Lunch	\$3.50	\$2.90	.40