Covington County Schools

Child Nutrition Program

Welcome Back to School!!!

The Child Nutrition Program is committed to serving healthy, delicious meals to all students in Covington County Schools. School meals are a great value and convenience for busy families, and our staff goes to great lengths to provide this benefit to students at all 7 cafeteria sites within our district.

This packet is very important. It contains the **2022-2023 Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application**, instructions, and a page for common questions and answers regarding the application. Everyone is encouraged to apply. If approved, your child could receive free or reduced price meals for both breakfast and lunch.

Applications can also be completed online. For those with internet access, we highly encourage you to fill it out online at **www.myschoolapps.com**. Links to this webpage can always be found on the Covington County Schools' district webpage.

If your child receives a letter during the first week of school titled, **Direct Certification**, you do not have to fill out the application. However, if a child who lives in your household was not included on the direct certification letter and you want him/her to also receive the free or reduced price meals, you must fill out the paper or online application.

If your child/children received free or reduced meals last year and do not receive a Direct Certification letter, they will remain on the program with the free or reduced status for a 30 day carryover period once school starts. However, you need to fill out this year's application. If an application is not returned by the end of the 30 day carryover period, the child's meal status will change to paid.

If at *ANY TIME* during the school year the financial and economic status of your family changes due to loss of employment and you feel like you may now qualify for free or reduced price meals, **you can fill out a new application** online or stop by your school office for a paper copy of the form. Applications are available all year at the Child Nutrition office at the Covington County Schools central office located at 807 C.C. Baker Avenue, Andalusia, Alabama 36421. The CNP office can be reached by phone at 334-427-3832, or you can stop by during business hours (Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm).

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