



Streetsboro City Schools

National School Lunch Program/Breakfast Program Frequently asked Questions

9000 Kirby Lane
Streetsboro, OH 44241

Dear
Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. The **Streetsboro City Schools** offers healthy meals each school day. Breakfast costs are **Pre K – 12th \$2.25**. Lunch costs are **Pre-K – 3rd \$3.00 and 4th – 12th \$3.25**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is **\$0.30** for breakfast and **\$0.40** for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced-priced meal benefits and detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. Who can receive free or reduced-price meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Ohio Works First (OWF) 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 Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines limits.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART for School Year 2020-2021			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$454
2	\$31,894	\$2,658	\$614
3	\$40,182	\$3,349	\$773
4	\$48,470	\$4,040	\$933
5	\$56,758	\$4,730	\$1,092
6	\$65,046	\$5,421	\$1,251
7	\$73,334	\$6,112	\$1,411
8	\$81,622	\$6,802	\$1,570
Each additional person:	\$8,288	\$691	\$160

2. How do I know if my children qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway? If members of your household lack a permanent address; are staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement; relocate on a seasonal basis or; children live with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household then the children may qualify as homeless, migrant or runaway. If you have not been told your children will receive free meals, please call or e-mail **Cynthia Deevers, Director of Student Services at 330-626-4900 ext. 1020 or cdeevers@scsrockets.org**.

3. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Use one (1) Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete. Please submit all required information. **Return the completed application to: Heath Urbaniak, Food Service Director at 8585 OH-14, Streetsboro, OH 44241; hurbaniak@scsrockets.org by October 16, 2020.**

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4. Should I complete 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 **Heath Urbaniak, Food Service Director at 8585 OH-14, Streetsboro, OH 44241; hurbaniak@scsrockets.org** immediately.

5. Can I apply online? YES!!! If possible, you are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application. The online application are the same and will request the same information as the paper application. Visit payschoolscentral.com to begin. Please visit Streetsboro homepage to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact **Heath Urbaniak, Food Service Director at (330) 626-4902 or hurbaniak@scsrockets.org** if you have any questions about the online application.

6. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out another one? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through **October 16, 2020**. You are required to submit a new application unless the school notified you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

7. I receive Women, Infants and Children (WIC) benefits. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please submit a completed application.

8. Will the information I give be checked? Yes. We may 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: **Cynthia Deevers, Director of Student Services at 330-626-4900 ext. 1020 or cdeevers@scsrockets.org**

11. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You, your child(ren), or other household members do not have to be a U.S. citizen to apply for free or reduced-price meals.

12. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1,000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, submit the report with the routine amount of \$1,000 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. When this happens, please write a zero (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.

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 off-base housing, food, or clothing, 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.

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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. **Heath Urbaniak, Food Service Director at 8585 OH-14, Streetsboro, OH 44241; hurbaniak@scsrockets.org** to receive a second application.

16. Why am I being asked about giving my consent for an instructional fee waiver? Ohio public schools are required to waive the school *instructional* fees for children who qualify for free meal benefits. School Food Service personnel must have parent consent to share student meal application if your child(ren) qualify for a fee waiver. If you agree to allow your child(ren)'s meal application to be shared with school officials to see if they qualify for a fee waiver then check "yes" in part 5. If you do not wish for that information to be shared, then check "no" in part 5. **Answering "no" to this question will mean your child will not be able to be considered for a fee waiver.** Answering this question either way will not change your child(ren)'s free or reduced-price meal eligibility.

17. My Family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for? To find out how to apply for Ohio SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 877-852-0010.

If you have other questions or need help, call **Heath Urbaniak, Food Service Director 330-626-4902**

Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: 330-626-4902

Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: 330-626-4902

Sincerely,

Heath Urbaniak,
Food Service Director