

## OAKLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT PRICES FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Oakland County Schools today announced its policy for free and reduced price school meals for children unable to pay the full price for meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program. The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility.

**INCOME CHART 2008-2009**

TOTAL FAMILY SIZE	SCALE FOR FREE MEALS OR FREE MILK					SCALE FOR REDUCED PRICE MEALS				
	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MO	EVERY TWO WKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MO	EVERY TWO WKS	WEEKLY
1	\$ 13,520	\$1,127	\$564	\$520	\$260	\$19,240	\$1,604	\$802	\$740	\$370
2	18,200	1,517	759	700	350	25,900	2,159	1,080	997	499
3	22,880	1,907	954	880	440	32,560	2,714	1,357	1,253	627
4	27,560	2,297	1,149	1,060	530	39,220	3,269	1,635	1,509	755
5	32,240	2,687	1,344	1,240	620	45,880	3,824	1,912	1,765	883
6	36,920	3,077	1,539	1,420	710	52,540	4,379	2,190	2,021	1,011
7	41,600	3,467	1,734	1,600	800	59,200	4,934	2,467	2,277	1,139
8	46,280	3,857	1,929	1,780	890	65,860	5,489	2,745	2,534	1,267
	4,680*	390*	195*	180*	90*	6,660*	555*	278*	257*	129*

\*For each additional household member add this amount:

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free milk.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free and reduced price school meals, households should fill out the form and return it to the school. Additional copies of the application form are available at the principal's office in each school. Households should answer all questions on the form.

**NON FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS:** An application which does not contain all of the following information cannot be processed by the school: (1) the total income by source for each household member (such as wages, child support, etc.); (2) names of all household members; (3) social security number of the adult household member who signs the application; and (4) the signature of a household member.

**FOOD STAMP/FIP/FDPIR HOUSEHOLDS:** If you currently receive Food Stamps, Family Independence Program (FIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR) benefits for your child, you only have to list your child's name and Food Stamp or FIP/FDPIR case number and sign the application.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility, verifying data, or qualifying children for other federal and state programs, as authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture. The school or other officials may verify applications at any time during the school year.

Households may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. If a household is not currently eligible, but has a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, or if a household member becomes unemployed, the household should fill out an application at that time.

In most cases, FOSTER CHILDREN are eligible for these benefits regardless of the household's income. If a household has foster children living with them, and they wish to apply for free or reduced price meals for them, the household should contact the school for more information. Under the provisions of the policy, The Food Service Director or school principal will review applications and determine eligibility.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. The household also has the right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing the school district central office.

Each school and the central office have a complete policy which may be reviewed by any interested party.

**REAPPLY:** You may apply for meal benefits at any time during the school year. If you lose your job, if your income decreases, if your family size increases, or if you begin receiving Food Stamps or FIP/FDPIR, fill out an application at that time.

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You will be informed of application approval or denial.