

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Plymouth Joint School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast is FREE at all schools throughout the District. Lunch costs are as follows: \$3.00 (Elementary) \$3.20 (Middle School) \$3.30 (High School). Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. The reduced price is \$.40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. Who can get Free or Reduced meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from FoodShare, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or W-2 cash benefits are eligible for free meals, when listed on the application.
- 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 qualify to receive free or reduced-price meals if your household income is at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2025-26			
Household size	Yearly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Weekly (\$)
1	28,953	2,413	557
2	39,128	3,261	753
3	49,303	4,109	949
4	59,478	4,957	1,144
5	69,653	5,805	1,340
6	79,828	6,653	1,536
7	90,003	7,501	1,731
8	100,178	8,349	1,927
Each additional person:	10,175	848	196

2. *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. If there is not enough space to list all of the names please attach a separate sheet with additional household members

Return the completed application to: **Jon Miller, Plymouth Joint School District, District Office
125 S. Highland Ave, Plymouth, WI 53073**

3. *Will the information I give be checked?* Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

4. *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 or experience a financial hardship may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

5. *May 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.

6. *What if my income is not always the same?* List the amount that you normally 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.

If you have other questions or need help, call (920)892-2661 Ext. 1083.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Goelzer, Food Service Director