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CAFETERIA NEWS

MCPS will resume regular meal services during the 2022–2023 school year.

Meal prices: Breakfast—\$1.30; Lunch—\$2.55 (Elementary), \$2.80 (Middle and High)

Beginning this year, students in Maryland who qualify for reduced-price meals will not be charged for breakfast or lunch meals!



APPLY
HERE!

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS

Apply online NOW so that benefits will be in place when school starts!

Families who meet certain federal income standards are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. All children use their MCPS ID number at the register so confidentiality is maintained and no child is overtly identified as receiving free or reduced-price meals. Only one application is needed for all students in a household. **A new application must be completed for any family requesting assistance this school**

year. The online application is now open for families to submit applications.
www.MySchoolApps.com



MORE INFO &
How-To Videos

For more information and How-To videos visit the Food Services website:
www.montgomeryschools.org/departments/food-and-nutrition/meal-payments/#FARMS

Application Process:

- **ONLINE APPLICATIONS** are the fastest and safest way to apply for FARMS. Households are encouraged to apply online at www.MySchoolApps.com. The online application and instructions will be available in various languages.
- **SCANNED PAPER APPLICATIONS:** A limited supply of paper application will be available in English and Spanish and should only be distributed to parents who request a paper application. Paper applications are electronically scanned. Only ORIGINAL applications can be processed. **Please do not duplicate applications at the school.** If you need additional applications, contact the Division of Food and Nutrition Services (DFNS) at 240-740-7400.
- Use only one application (online or paper) for all children in a household who attend Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), even if the students attend different schools.
- As federal government information on the application changes every year, **only the 2022–2023 applications may be used. Please immediately discard all application forms from previous years.**
- Students may apply for meal benefits at **any time** during the school year.
- Applications **cannot** be approved over the telephone per program regulation.

Who Should Apply: Households are not required to apply for meal benefits. However, all households who think they may be eligible are encouraged to apply. Income eligibility information is listed on the back of the application. **A new application is required for each household applying for free or reduced-price meals.** Households complete an application only if they wish to apply for free or reduced-price meals.

Direct Certification: Some students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals through direct certification because their household receives the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), or Medicaid benefits. Students who have been identified as directly certified should still apply for FARMS to assure all students in the household receive the same benefit.

Where to Send Paper Applications: Please send completed paper applications via the Pony to DFNS, 8401 Turkey Thicket Drive, Gaithersburg, as soon as they are received to avoid a delay in processing.

Transfer Students: When a student transfers between schools within MCPS, his or her meal eligibility also transfers. When a student transfers from a school outside of Montgomery County and was on a free or reduced