



CVSD Free and Reduced Meal Applications are an important tool to help eligible households and are critically important for schoolwide benefits beyond free and reduced-priced meals. **Even with the passage of universal meals for this school year, if you believe your family may qualify for free or reduced meals, please take the time to apply.** The information you provide and your qualification status are private and confidential.

Visit this page on our website for the online form or print the form to fill out and submit.

[Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals](#)

(more links below)

[Income Eligibility Guidelines](#)

Higher free and reduced percentages benefit both our schools and our communities. Here's how:

- **Schools with 50% or more free and reduced-price eligible enrolled students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of Child Nutrition Programs:**
 - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)
 - Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
 - NSLP Afterschool Snack Service area eligibility
 - Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) At-Risk Afterschool Meals
 - Receive a higher score on equipment grant application
- **Benefits extend beyond the Child Nutrition world and into the greater learning community through:**
 - Distribution of Title I funds
 - Teacher Cancellation Low Income (TCLI) Loan forgiveness for teachers in certain low-income schools
 - E-Rate Program: federal reimbursement for telecommunications including internet, Wi-Fi, and upgrades to Wi-Fi. Local libraries can also take advantage of this opportunity.
 - Vermont Lottery Makerspace Grant eligibility
 - Equity determinations for state and federal accountability systems
 - Increased eligibility for state and federal grants for the school
 - May also increase federal and state funding for the town

- **Aside from the immediate benefit that all free and reduced-price students in Vermont can eat breakfast and lunch at no cost, other household-specific benefits include:**
 - Qualification for Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) funds
 - Reduced or waived SAT fees and reduced college application fees
 - Qualification for Comcast Internet Essentials low-cost, high-speed internet access. All students in Provision 2 and Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools automatically qualify for this service.
 - [The Affordable Connectivity Program](#) (ACP) This federal program provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households. Some Vermont companies are even offering [free internet service](#) for people claiming the ACP.

Not sure if you're eligible? Contact Stephanie Hurlburt shurlburt@cvsdvt.org 802-985-1925

- [English Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals](#)
- [Nepali Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals](#)
- [Russian Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals](#)
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