

Rye Junior High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Rye Junior High School offers healthy meals every school day under the USDA National School Lunch Program. Rye Junior High School has priced meals at **$2.95** for Lunch. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals under this program. If your household qualifies for reduced-priced meals, Breakfast would be at no cost and lunch would be priced at **$0.40**. Below are some common questions and answers to aid in the process of determining your child's eligibility.

1. **WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?**
   - All children in households receiving benefits from **NH SNAP** or **NH TANF**, 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 limits set by the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines in the chart below.

Income Guidelines for Child Nutrition Programs: July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026

Household size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1	28,953	2,413	1,207	1,114	557
2	39,128	3,261	1,631	1,505	753
3	49,303	4,109	2,055	1,897	949
4	59,478	4,957	2,479	2,288	1,144
5	69,653	5,805	2,903	2,679	1,340
6	79,828	6,653	3,327	3,071	1,536
7	90,003	7,501	3,751	3,462	1,731
8	100,178	8,349	4,175	3,853	1,927
For each additional family member, add	10,175	848	424	392	196

2. **HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD(REN) QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY?**
   - Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe

children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail ***David Hobbs, Assistant Superintendent, SAU 50, 48 Post Road, Greenland, NH 03840 email: dhobbs@sau50.org immediately***.

3. **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. Return the completed application to:

     Rye High School
     501 Washington Road
     Rye, NH 03870

4. **SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILD(REN) 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 ***David Hobbs, Assistant Superintendent, SAU 50, 48 Post Road, Greenland, NH 03840 email: dhobbs@sau50.org. immediately.***

5. **CAN I APPLY ONLINE?**
   - No, not at this time.

6. **MY APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE?**
   - Yes. The application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school has informed you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

7. **I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?**
   - Children in households participating in WIC ***may*** be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please apply for meals through the income application.

8. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?**
   - Yes. We may also 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 ***Stephen Zadravec, Superintendent of Schools, 48 Post Road, Greenland, NH 03840 phone: 603-422-9572; email: szadravec@sau50.org.***

11. **MY 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.

12. **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.

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. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zero. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.

14. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY; DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY?**

- Your basic pay and cash bonus must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or receive Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments, 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.

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. Contact **Janet Smith, School Nurse, 501 Washington Road**, **Rye**, **NH 03870 or email jsmith@sau50.org** to receive a second application.

16. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?

- To find out how to apply for **SNAP, TANF, FDPIR** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **603 271-9700 or 844-275-3447**.

If you have other questions or need help, call **603-964-5591**

Sincerely,

Anne Gilbert, Principal

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