

2023-2024 Frequently Asked Questions About Free and Reduced-Price School Meals

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Bishop Kelly High School** offers healthy meals every school day. Lunch costs will vary depending on the entrees for the day. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.** The reduced meal price is **\$1.00** for lunch. This letter includes a link to the application for free or reduced-price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. . Please go to <https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/BISK01> for information on eligibility for the program and to complete the online application. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. Who Can Get Free or Reduced-Price Meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from **Idaho Food Stamps (SNAP)**, the **Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)** or **Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho (TAFI)**, 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 legal 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 on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

INCOME CHART (BEFORE DEDUCTIONS)

Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly
-1-	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$1,124	\$1,038	\$519
-2-	\$36,482	\$3,041	\$1,521	\$1,404	\$702
-3-	\$45,991	\$3,833	\$1,917	\$1,769	\$885
-4-	\$55,500	\$4,625	\$2,313	\$2,135	\$1,068
-5-	\$65,009	\$5,418	\$2,709	\$2,501	\$1,251
-6-	\$74,518	\$6,210	\$3,105	\$2,867	\$1,434
-7-	\$84,027	\$7,003	\$3,502	\$3,232	\$1,616
-8-	\$93,536	\$7,795	\$3,898	\$3,598	\$1,799
each additional family member add	\$9,509	\$793	\$397	\$366	\$183

2. How Do I Know If My Children 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 **your student's counselor at 208-375-6010..**

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.

4. Should I Fill Out an Application If I Received A Letter This School Year Saying My Children 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 **Erica Love, elove@bk.org 208-375-6010 x2016** immediately.

5. Can I Apply Online?

Yes! You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit <https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/BISK01> to begin or TO learn more about the online application process. Contact **Erica Love, elove@bk.org 208-375-6010 x2016** if you **have any questions about the online application.**

6. My Child's Application Was Approved Last Year. Do I Need to Fill Out A New One?

Yes. Your child's 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 told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

7. I Get WIC. Can My Children Get Free Meals?

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an 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: **Brian Bockenstette, bbockenstette@bk.org , 208-375-6010 x2016..**

11. 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.

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 zeroes. 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 bonuses 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. My Family Needs More Help. Are There Other Programs We Might Apply For?

To find out how to apply for Idaho Food Stamps [**SNAP**] or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 211.

If you have other questions or need help, call **208-375-6010**.

Sincerely,

Bishop Kelly High School

**CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS - CACFP, NSLP, SBP, SFSP
INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

Effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Free Meals - 130%						Reduced Price Meals - 185%					
	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BI-WEEKLY	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BI-WEEKLY	WEEKLY	
1	18,954	1,580	790	729	365	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519	1
2	25,636	2,137	1,069	986	493	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702	2
3	32,318	2,694	1,347	1,243	622	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885	3
4	39,000	3,250	1,625	1,500	750	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068	4
5	45,682	3,807	1,904	1,757	879	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251	5
6	52,364	4,364	2,182	2,014	1,007	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434	6
7	59,046	4,921	2,461	2,271	1,136	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616	7
8	65,728	5,478	2,739	2,528	1,264	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799	8
9	72,410	6,035	3,018	2,785	1,393	103,045	8,588	4,295	3,964	1,982	9
10	79,092	6,592	3,297	3,042	1,522	112,554	9,381	4,692	4,330	2,165	10
11	85,774	7,149	3,576	3,299	1,651	122,063	10,174	5,089	4,696	2,348	11
12	92,456	7,706	3,855	3,556	1,780	131,572	10,967	5,486	5,062	2,531	12
13	99,138	8,263	4,134	3,813	1,909	141,081	11,760	5,883	5,428	2,714	13
14	105,820	8,820	4,413	4,070	2,038	150,590	12,553	6,280	5,794	2,897	14
15	112,502	9,377	4,692	4,327	2,167	160,099	13,346	6,677	6,160	3,080	15
	6,682	557	279	257	129	9,509	793	397	366	183	
A. All applications qualified by income must have: 1. All household members listed. 2. Income by household member, source and frequency that income is received (Weekly, Monthly, etc.) 3. The last 4 digits of the SSN of the primary wage earner or adult who signs the application or box checked if they do not have a SSN 4. An adult household member's signature.						ANNUAL INCOME COMPUTATION Multiply: WEEKLY income by 52 EVERY TWO WEEKS income by 26 TWICE MONTHLY income by 24 MONTHLY income by 12					
B. All applications qualified by SNAP, TAFI or FDIPIR number must have: 1. Name of the child receiving benefits, a correct benefit number; and 2. An adult household member's signature.											

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