

LETTER TO HOUSEHOLD 2026-2027

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Park County School District No. 6 offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$3.25 K-12; lunch costs \$3.85 K-5 and \$4.00 6-8 \$4.10 9-12. Reduced meal price \$0.25 K-12. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.

WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from SNAP, Medicaid, The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), 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. Whether placed by the State child welfare agency or a court, in order for a child to be considered categorically eligible for free meals, the State must retain legal custody of the child.
- 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 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 ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

(Effective from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)

Household Size	FREE MEALS -- 130%					REDUCED PRICE MEALS -- 185%				
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	Twice a Month	Monthly	Annually	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	Twice a Month	Monthly	Annually
1	\$399	\$798	\$865	\$1,729	\$20,748	\$568	\$1,136	\$1,231	\$2,461	\$29,526
2	\$541	\$1,082	\$1,173	\$2,345	\$28,132	\$770	\$1,540	\$1,669	\$3,337	\$40,034
3	\$683	\$1,366	\$1,480	\$2,960	\$35,516	\$972	\$1,944	\$2,106	\$4,212	\$50,542
4	\$825	\$1,650	\$1,788	\$3,575	\$42,900	\$1,175	\$2,349	\$2,544	\$5,088	\$61,050
5	\$967	\$1,934	\$2,096	\$4,191	\$50,284	\$1,377	\$2,753	\$2,982	\$5,964	\$71,558
6	\$1,109	\$2,218	\$2,403	\$4,806	\$57,668	\$1,579	\$3,157	\$3,420	\$6,839	\$82,066
7	\$1,251	\$2,502	\$2,711	\$5,421	\$65,052	\$1,781	\$3,561	\$3,858	\$7,715	\$92,574
8	\$1,393	\$2,786	\$3,019	\$6,037	\$72,436	\$1,983	\$3,965	\$4,296	\$8,591	\$103,082
For each additional family member, ADD	\$142	\$284	\$308	\$616	\$7,384	\$203	\$405	\$438	\$876	\$10,508

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 email

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WAYS TO FILL OUT APPLICATIONS

Online at linqconnect.com

Print paper application from school website park6.org under nutrition

Get paper application from school Administrative Assistants

FILLING OUT APPLICATION AND RETURNING

Only ONE application needs to be filled out per family even if kids go to different schools (Ex. one kid in grade school and one in Middle school, only need to fill out one)

All information needs to be filled out.

All household members includes kids that are not in school. Anyone that resides in the home.

All papers need signatures and dates.

Applications can be returned to schools main office

If assistance is needed in filling out application please contact your schools office or Brenda Schuster Food Service Director 587-4251 ext. 5214

TO MAKE PAYMENTS

Payments can be sent to schools office cash or check made out to PCSD6

Pay online at linqconnect.com here you can make payments, check balances, and set up to receive low balance notices.

Negative Balances

The School Nutrition Department would like to ensure all students who want a breakfast or lunch receive that meal. We do not want to take food away from or deny any student in the serving line. Unfortunately, we have had several delinquent accounts within the district. Excessive negative balances in students' accounts necessitate the new protocols listed below.

Guidance	Action
Low balance (3 meals remaining) up to a \$5 negative balance	Cashier tells student they will need money in his/her account and notifies parents when there is a negative balance.
Negative balance equal to or greater than \$10	School office staff may call and mail letter #1, signed by the principal, along with F/R meal application to students home.
Negative balance equal to or greater than \$15	Schools office staff mails second letter #2 signed by principal to students home. Principals and/or School counselor conferences with family seeking solution.
Negative balance equal to or greater than \$25	School office staff mails letter #3 signed by principals to students home; no further meals are served.