

PERRY CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

2026-2027 NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL BEGINS

Thursday, August 6, 2026
for KG-12th Grade

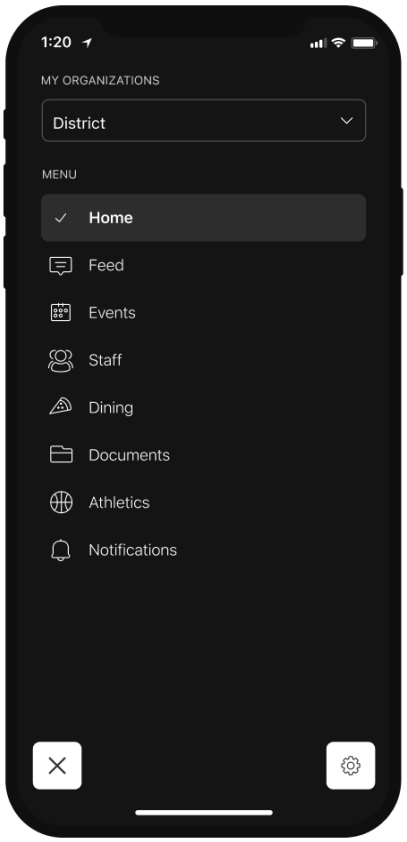
3 day/week Preschool:
Tuesday, August 11th

5 day/week Preschool:
Thursday, August 13th

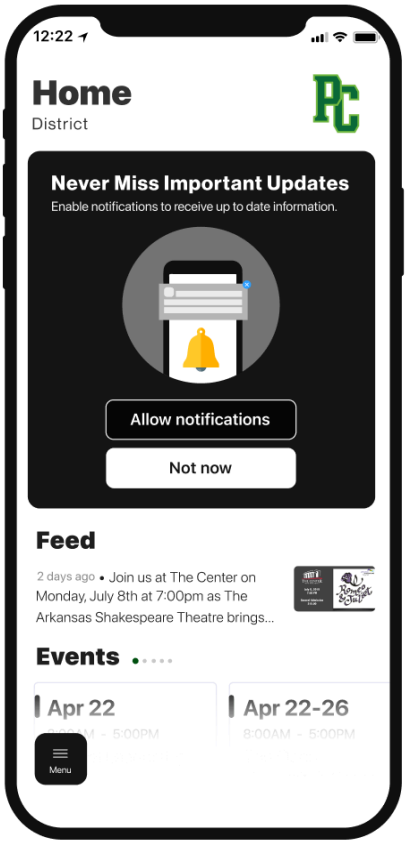
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Dear Perry Central Families:

We are excited to announce that we are transitioning to a new communication platform for families called ParentSquare. This platform will replace Rooms for all classroom, athletics, and extra-curricular communication in the upcoming school year.

With ParentSquare, you'll receive all school and classroom messages in one place and translated into your preferred language—whether by email, text, app, or web. You'll also be able to

- Stay up to date on news and events
- Send and receive messages with teachers and staff
- Fill out forms and permission slips and pay for field trips, etc. online
- Sign up for conferences and volunteer opportunities
- View calendar items and photos from your school

To get the most out of ParentSquare, we encourage you to download the free mobile app, available for iOS and Android. You can also access ParentSquare from your web browser at www.parentsquare.com.

Registration invitations have been sent via email and/or text. If you haven't registered yet, please check your messages for your invitation and complete your registration. After registering, you can customize your notification preferences to receive updates in the way that works best for you.

For those of you with student athletes in the family who are communicating via Rooms this summer, please know your child's coaches will be transitioning to ParentSquare very soon, and they'll notify you when they've made the switch.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your student's success.

Kind regards,

Tara Bishop

Tara Bishop, Superintendent

Download the **ParentSquare App** today!

Stay involved with your student's learning and activities at school. From anywhere.



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2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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SEPTEMBER						
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August 5 ~ First Day Teachers
August 6 ~ First Day Students (KG-12)
August 11 ~ First Day 3-Day Preschool
August 13 ~ First Day 5-Day Preschool
September 7 ~ Labor Day (NS)
September 8 ~ PD Day ***(No School)***

OCTOBER						
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NOVEMBER						
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October 19-23 ~ Fall Break (NS)
October 26 ~ PD Day ***(No School)***
October 29 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 25-27 ~ Thanksgiving Break (NS)

DECEMBER						
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JANUARY						
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17	MU	19	20	21	22	23
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December 21-January 1 ~ Winter Break (NS)
January 4 ~ PD Day ***(No School)***
January 18 ~ MLK, Jr Day (MU)

FEBRUARY						
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February 15 ~ Presidents' Day (MU)
March 15-19 ~ Spring Break (NS)
March 22 ~ PD Day (***No School***)
March 26 ~ Good Friday (MU)

APRIL						
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April 16 ~ Make-up Day
April 30 ~ Make-up Day
May 25 ~ Last Student Day
May 26 ~ Last Teacher Day (MU)
May 26-28 ~ Make-up Days
May 30 ~ Graduation ***(Tentative)***

Make-up Days: January 18, February 15, March 26, April 16 and 30, May 26 and beyond

Semester 1 = 88 days
Semester 2 = 92 days

Green Highlight = No School (NS)
Yellow Highlight = Make-up Day (MU)
Blue Highlight = PD / No School (students)
Professional Development Day for staff
Purple Highlight = End of Quarter

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Understanding Absences

Excused vs. Unexcused

*State of Indiana Attendance Expectation - **94%***
(10 or fewer days missed per year)

EXCUSED

Parent/Guardian Notifies School on the Day of the Absence

- Illness verified by a physician
- Illness verified by a parent/guardian in accordance with Indiana law
- School nurse verified illness (student sent home sick)
- Death in the family
- Other absences approved under school policy

Regular attendance remains essential for student success. While parent-verified illness absences are excused, the school may review patterns of excessive absences and work with families to support improved attendance.

UNEXCUSED

Students Should Have ZERO Unexcused Absences

- Absences for which the school receives no parent/guardian notification
- Absences that do not meet the requirements of state law or school policy
- Failure to report an absence within the required timeframe



ILLNESS GUIDELINES

The following "<u>return to school</u>" guidelines should be followed:

Strep Throat - return 12 hours after treatment is initiated and fever-free for 24 hours

Flu - return after 24 hours fever-free

COVID 19 - return after 24 hours fever-free and symptoms improving

Vomiting/Diarrhea - return when symptoms have resolved

INDIANA LAW ON STUDENT ATTENDANCE

If a K-12 student is absent (unexcused) for 5 days within a 10-week period, a truancy prevention plan will be put in place for the student, as required by Indiana law.

All absences are closely monitored. School administrators are required under IC 20-33-2-25 to report habitually truant students to either juvenile court or the Department of Child Services. Habitually truant students are defined by Indiana law as being absent 10 or more days <u>unexcused or without a parent/guardian verification</u>. *In other words, if we don't hear from parents, it's unexcused.*

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2026-2027 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

PRESCHOOL & TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK)
Backpack (standard size with room for folder)
Water bottle
Small/travel-size pillow
Small blanket
Boys: 1 box of gallon-size Ziploc bags
Girls: 1 package of baby wipes
1 box of Kleenex
2 containers of disinfecting wipes
1 box of quart-size Ziploc bags

KINDERGARTEN
Backpack
2 packages of black (only) dry erase markers *(Expo brand preferred)*
6 glue sticks
2 boxes of Kleenex
3 containers of disinfectant wipes
Girls: 1 box of quart-size Ziploc bags
Boys: 1 box of gallon-size Ziploc bags

GRADE ONE
Backpack
2 large boxes of tissues
2 packages of 24-count crayons *(Crayola brand preferred)*
Art box
2 packages of 4-count black dry erase markers
Sanitizing wipes
2 packs of glue sticks
Headphones *(optional)*

GRADE TWO
Backpack
2 large boxes of tissues
2 packages of 24-count crayons
2 packs 4-6 count Black *(only)* dry erase markers *(Expo brand preferred)*
2 wide-ruled spiral notebooks
1-inch binder with pockets
1 school supply box
Boys: 1 medium-to-large bottle of Germ-X
Girls: 1 box of quart-size Ziploc bags
1 container of disinfectant wipes

GRADE THREE
Backpack
2 large boxes of tissues
Pencil box or pouch
2 packages of dry erase markers *(Expo brand preferred)*
1-inch binder
Disinfecting wipes
1 bottle of Germ-X
1 one-subject notebook

GRADE FOUR
Backpack
3 large boxes of tissues
Pencil box or pouch
2 packages of dry erase markers *(Expo brand preferred)*
2 containers of disinfectant wipes
1 three-subject notebook with folder pockets
1 bottle of Germ-X

GRADE FIVE
Backpack
3 large boxes of tissues
Supply box or pouch
5 packages of dry erase markers (Expo brand preferred)
3 containers of disinfecting wipes
1 bottle of Germ-X
2 composition notebooks
1-inch binder

GRADE SIX
Backpack
2 large boxes of tissues
2 packages of 4-count dry erase markers
Supply box/bag for pencils and supplies
4 composition notebooks (Math, Science, and ELA)
Boys: Disinfecting wipes
Girls: Bottle of Germ-X

GRADES 7 - 12
Bring basic items the first day, such as paper, pencils, and/or pens.Individual teachers may suggest additional items as needed.

Families who qualify for free/reduced lunch may receive school supply assistance through the Perry Central School Supply Bank..

PERRY CENTRAL
FAMILY OUTREACH HOSTS

BACK TO SCHOOL - night -

03 AUGUST, 2026

5:00-7:00 PM

- BOOTHS SET UP IN CAFETORIUM
- REGISTER NEW STUDENTS
- MEET TEACHERS
- FREE HOT DOGS & DRINKS
- VACCINE CLINIC

Please register your child for the clinic by scanning the QR code:

7TH GRADE ORIENTATION

JULY 30TH
6:00 PM



Incoming 7th graders and parents are invited to attend 7th Grade Orientation on Thursday, July 30th at 6:00 p.m. in the cafetorium.

The evening will include a presentation followed by an opportunity to tour the junior high building, visit classrooms, and practice opening lockers. Our goal is to help students feel confident and comfortable before their first day of school.

During the orientation, you and your child will learn about:

- New graduation requirements and diploma options.
- Drafting a four-year plan: an introduction to mapping high school courses to your child's early career interests.
- Junior-Senior High School policies and procedures.
- Student resources and supports, including 21st Century Scholars.
- Seventh-grade class schedules.

No RSVP is required. Cafetorium doors will open 15 minutes before the presentation.

If you have any questions, please call 843-5121 or email us at jguillaume@pccommodores.org or dharris@pccommodores.org.

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INDIANA'S NEW

PHONE LAW

Senate Enrolled Act 78 - Effective 7.1.26



The Indiana General Assembly recently passed Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 78, also known as the "Bell-to-Bell Law," which prohibits students from using personal wireless communication devices, including cell phones and smartwatches, throughout the entire school day.

Parents who need to communicate with their child during the school day should call the school office at (812) 843-5121.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Cell Phones
Smart Watches
Earbuds
Headphones
Meta (AI) Glasses
All Other Personal Wireless Communication Devices

WHEN

From the first bell (or upon entry into first class) through the end of the school day, including passing periods and lunch.

EXCEPTIONS

Devices may be used when necessary for:

- documented medical needs
- emergencies
- specifically authorized IEP/504 plan provisions.

A student who violates Indiana's new cell phone law will be required to relinquish the device to the school office. A parent or guardian will be required to pick up the device at the end of the school day. Additional consequences are outlined in the student handbook.

NOTES & NEWS FROM

Perry Central Elementary

Perry Central Elementary is looking forward to a great school year! We always welcome your questions and input. The following are a few reminders for parents and students regarding the operation of the school day.

- For student safety, elementary students are asked to wear closed-toe shoes at all times.
- Please send in a refillable water bottle for your child and encourage them to take them home daily to be washed.
- Phone calls for end-of-day changes must be made **prior to 2:00 pm**. If calls are made after this, it becomes very difficult to make sure that all students are where they need to be at dismissal.
- Students will eat breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria. Each student will be issued an identification card with a barcode that is scanned when meals are purchased. To ensure efficient service and accurate meal accounting, students are expected to have their identification card with them when going through the cafeteria line. Identification cards are provided at no cost at the beginning of each school year. Replacement cards for lost or damaged cards will cost $2.00.
- From time to time, we have students who arrive at school before the start of the regular school day. All students who arrive between 7:00-7:45 a.m. must report to the dome.
- All students must have a birth certificate on file in the elementary office. In addition, students entering kindergarten or sixth grade must have all state-required immunizations completed before the first day of school.
- Students often have toys, cell phones, and other personal items they wish to bring to school. We cannot be responsible for items that students may bring. The best prevention for loss and/or theft is to leave the item at home.
- Generally, students may not use a wireless communication device during the school day, *pursuant to Indiana law*. If a student brings a wireless communication device to school, it must be powered off, stored in a locker or school-provided storage container, and remain inaccessible throughout the school day.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM SUPERVISION

Updates

Beginning with the 2026–2027 school year, Perry Central Schools will continue to provide after-school supervision for students; however, program expectations and procedures have been updated due to changes in funding and staffing.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

At Perry Central Elementary School, the Lights-On After-School Program will be available on regular school days, Monday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The program will continue to be offered free of charge to families. Due to changes in grant funding, evening bus transportation will no longer be available. Families will be responsible for arranging transportation, and all students must be picked up by the program's closing time each day.

Parents are asked to send a note with their child if they plan for their child to attend the after-school program. If family plans change during the day, parents may call the elementary office to request that their child stay after school. To ensure that all students are directed to the correct end-of-day location, parents **must call before 2:00 p.m**. for any end-of-day changes.

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

At Perry Central Junior-Senior High School, after-school supervision will be limited to students who are waiting for an extracurricular activity, game, or practice to begin. These students will be supervised in the FLEX room and released to their activity prior to its start time, but no later than 5:00 p.m.

Students who do not have after-school activities, games, or practices will not be permitted to remain at school after dismissal. Students must be under the supervision of an adult staff member and are not permitted to wander through school buildings or facilities unaccompanied.

BOOK RENTAL

Families will not be charged textbook rental fees for the 2026–2027 school year.

A one-time $40 snack fee will be assessed for all students enrolled in preschool and kindergarten for the school year.

Students enrolled in Driver Education will be charged $130 to cover a portion of the cost of the program provided by Ory's School of Driving. If a student is required to repeat the course, the parent/guardian will be responsible for the full course fee of $420.

Families will be responsible for the cost of replacing lost or damaged Chromebooks and Chromebook chargers.



PRESCHOOL INFORMATION



Perry Central is proud to provide high-quality preschool opportunities for our students and is continually working to enhance our program. Thanks to a federal grant, we are excited to expand our preschool offerings to include two five-day classes in addition to our three-day classes.

We are also proud to be one of only two On My Way Pre-K providers in Perry County to earn a Paths to Quality Level 3 rating.

PRESCHOOL START DATES

Students enrolled in the three-day class will begin on Tuesday, August 11, and will attend classes on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

Students enrolled in the five-day class will begin on Thursday, August 13.

ENROLLMENT

Children who are four years old by August 1 are eligible to attend. Every effort will be made to honor family requests for specific class days. If enrollment is full, students will be placed on a waiting list.



PRESCHOOL PARTICIPATION FEES

The fee schedule for preschool is as follows:
Daily rate: $15/day
Reduced rate: $5/day for students qualifying for reduced lunch.
Free rate: No charge for students qualifying for free lunch or On My Way PK.
Snack fee: $40 *(one-time fee for the school year)*

Preschool fees are billed at the end of each school week based on the number of days your child attended. Payment is due the following week.

Please remember that Perry Central's preschool is a self-supporting program. Preschool fees help cover the costs associated with your child's educational experience and the operation of the program. To maintain enrollment, payments must be made in a timely manner.

PRESCHOOL LUNCH & SNACK FEES

Preschool lunch payments must be submitted separately from preschool participation fees and snack fees. Lunch and snack payments may be mailed to the school or sent with your child. To ensure accurate processing, please clearly label all payments with your child's name and indicate whether the payment is for lunch, snacks, or preschool fees.

CAFETERIA NEWS

CAFETERIA FEES

- Lunch for all students Preschool - 12th grade will be $2.65.
- The cost for breakfast for students is $1.25.
- Reduced lunch price is 40 cents and 30 cents for breakfast.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is offered daily.

- Elementary students (Pre-School-6th grade) will be served from 7:35-8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- Jr./Sr. High School students (7th-12th grade) may purchase Grab and Go breakfast in the High School Commons from 7:35-8:00 a.m.

LUNCH OPTIONS

Milk and fruit are served with the lunch entrée. Fresh fruits and vegetables are offered daily. Instead of lunch entrée, peanut butter & jelly sandwiches are also offered each day.

- Grades 3 - 12 will have an additional choice of salad daily.
- Grades 5 - 12 will have an additional choice of soup on Mondays and Wednesdays.

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION

Our goal is to help any qualifying family utilize federally subsidized meals for their children. If you think you may qualify, we hope you will apply. To make the process more convenient, there is an on-line application available in Skyward. Paper applications will still be accepted and can be found on our website, or we will send you one if you call 812-843-5576.

To apply online

- From the Perry Central website – www.pccs.k12.in.us
- Click on Quick Links and choose the Skyward link and log-in.
- Please note: If you have more than one student, you will need to select one child from the “All Students” drop-down menu.
- Click on the Food Service tab on the left side of the page.
- Click on the Application button on the top right of the page.
- From the Application page, click “Add Application”.
- Read and follow the directions using the NEXT button to go through the application packet.

All students will be provided a lunch card with a barcode. Replacement cards will be $2.00.



AUGUST

LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6 Hamburger or Sub Sandwich Half Baked Potato Coleslaw Applesauce	7 Pizza French Fries Pineapple
10 Chicken Tenders Green Beans Macaroni & Cheese Mandarin Oranges	11 Spaghetti or Sub Sandwich Corn Breadstick Peaches	12 Corn Dog or Sloppy Joe on Bun Baked Beans Mixed Fruit	13 Pizzaburger on Bun or Sub Sandwich Tater Tots Applesauce	14 Bosco Sticks French Fries Marinara Sauce Pineapple
17 BBQ Rib Patty on Bun or Hot Dog Corn Pears	18 Chicken & Dumplings or Sub Sandwich Green Beans Roll Peaches	19 Chicken Sandwich (Regular or Spicy) Mixed Vegetables Mixed Fruit	20 Breakfast for Lunch or Sub Sandwich Hash Brown Cooked Apples	21 Pizza French Fries Pineapple
24 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Macaroni & Cheese Mandarin Oranges	25 Taco Salad or Sub Sandwich Corn Peaches	26 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Roll Pears	27 Grilled Ham & Cheese or Sub Sandwich Half Baked Potato Coleslaw Applesauce	28 Orange Chicken & Rice or Burrito Steamed Broccoli Pineapple
31 Country Fried Steak Sandwich or Sloppy Joe on Bun Mashed Potatoes Peaches				

Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches are offered each day; Milk and fruit are served with lunch entree;
Fresh fruits and vegetables are offered daily.

Grades 3-12 will have an additional choice of salad daily;
Grades 5-12 will have an additional choice of soup on Mondays & Wednesdays.

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BREAKFAST MENU

Breakfast is offered daily in the Cafeteria from 7:35-8:30 AM for Elementary (Preschool-6th Grade).

Grab and Go Breakfast is offered daily in the High School Commons from 7:35-8:00 AM for Jr./Sr. High School (Grades 7-12). Parfaits are available everyday for grades 7-12.

Monday: Tornado

Tuesday: French Toast Sticks

Wednesday: Breakfast Pizza

Thursday: Muffin and Sausage Links

Friday: Biscuit and Sausage Sandwich

The following cereal options are offered daily: Cocoa Puffs, Cinnamon Toasters, Froot Loops, Marshmallow Mateys and Applejacks.

Milk, juice, and fruit are served daily with breakfast.



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Offer Versus Serve (OVS) at Lunch
Notification Letter for Households

Our school nutrition department participates in the National School Lunch Program and implements Offer versus Serve. Offer versus Serve allows students to decline some of the food offered as part of a complete meal. The goals of Offer versus Serve are to reduce food waste in the school nutrition programs and to allow students more customization of the meal they select. For general OVS guidelines, please read the Understanding the Lunch Line section below.

Understanding the Lunch Line

All schools are required by USDA guidelines to have adequate signage posted in the cafeteria and on the serving line to help explain how students can create a complete meal. The friendly staff at your child's school are happy to help as well.

At lunch, all students have the opportunity to choose from menu items that fall within five important food groups, including **milk**, **protein**, **fruits**, **vegetables**, and **grains**. While the most nutritious lunch contains all of the offered items, we understand that sometimes our students do not like some of the items we serve. To make our customers happy, we like to give them the option to decline items they do not want to eat.

Out of the five food groups your student is offered, they must choose at least three food groups to make a complete meal. One of the selections must be at least ½ cup of fruit or vegetable. Students who do not create a complete meal will be charged a la carte pricing for the items selected.

Example Menu for Lunch*
Chicken Soft Taco
1/2 cup **Black Beans**
1/2 cup **Fiesta Corn**
1/2 cup **Strawberries**
1/2 cup **Diced Peaches**
8oz of **Milk**

With Offer Versus Serve at lunch, your student could choose:

- Chicken Soft Taco and Fiesta Corn (**Protein** + **Grain** + **Vegetable** = 3 food groups)
- Chicken Soft Taco, Strawberries, and Milk (**Protein** + **Grain** + **Fruit** + **Milk** = 4 food groups)
- Black Beans, Fiesta Corn, Strawberries, Milk (**Vegetable** + **Vegetable** + **Fruit** + **Milk** = 3 food groups)

Even though the school participates in Offer versus Serve, students are not required to decline items. In fact, they're encouraged to take all five food groups, but the choice is up to them! If your student comes home and says they did not get enough to eat at lunch, ask if they are taking all of the food group offerings. Don't hesitate to reach out to Perry Central's Cafeteria Manager, Mary Schwartz at 812-843-5576 if you have any questions about the offered menu.

*Keep in mind that some cafeterias offer multiple options within each food group. Sitting down with young children to review the menu ahead of time will help ensure they are prepared as they come to the cafeteria for lunch.

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PERRY CENTRAL
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Offer Versus Serve (OVS) at Breakfast
Notification Letter for Households

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Understanding the Breakfast Line
At breakfast, all students have the opportunity to take, at a minimum, **milk**, **fruit**, **grains** and/or **protein**. We also may add **vegetables** to the breakfast offerings. While the most nutritious breakfast contains all of the offered items, we understand that sometimes our students do not like some of the items we serve. To make our customers happy, we like to give them the option to decline items they do not want to eat.

For breakfast, students must choose at least three offered items for their meal. One of the items selected must be a fruit or vegetable.

Example Menu for Breakfast*
Scrambled Eggs with Cheese
Biscuit
1/2 cup **Seasoned Potatoes**
1 cup **Strawberries**
8oz of **Milk**

With Offer versus Serve at breakfast, your student could choose:
- Seasoned Potatoes, Strawberries, and Milk (**Vegetable** + **Fruit** + **Milk**)
- Scrambled Eggs with Cheese, Strawberries, and Milk (**Protein** + **Fruit** + **Milk**)
- Scrambled Eggs with Cheese, Biscuit, and Seasoned Potatoes (**Protein** + **Grain** + **Vegetable**)

Even though the school participates in Offer versus Serve, students are not required to decline items and can take all items offered. The choice is up to them! If your student comes home and says they did not get enough to eat at breakfast, ask if they are taking all of the items offered to them. Don't hesitate to reach out to Perry Central's Cafeteria Manager, Mary Schwartz at 812-843-5576 if you have any questions about the offered menu.

*Keep in mind that some cafeterias offer multiple options within each food group and many offer different serving styles such as breakfast in the classroom. Talk with our team if you have any questions about the choices your student has at breakfast.

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

HEALTH OFFICE NEWSLETTER 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR



Meet Your School Nurses

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Cassie Culbertson, RN
School Nurse
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Gearing Up for a Great Year, Together!

We are excited to welcome everyone back for another wonderful school year! Our goal is to help keep every student healthy, safe, and ready to learn. Please take a few minutes to review the important health information below. We look forward to working with you this year!

Immunization Requirements

Indiana law requires students to have required immunizations BEFORE attending school. Please make sure your child's vaccines are up to date!

Students entering these grades have additional vaccine requirements:

- **Kindergarten**
- **6th Grade**
- **12th Grade**

The Perry County Health Dept will have a **Vaccine Clinic** at our Back-to-School Night August 3rd from 5pm to 7pm

Please **register** your child by scanning the QR code:

Does Your Child Have a Health Condition?

Please notify us if your child has:

- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Seizures
- Allergies
- Heart Conditions
- Feeding Tube
- Other chronic medical conditions

We want to make sure we have everything needed to safely care for your child!

Emergency Medications & Action Plans

If your child requires emergency medication at school, please bring it to the Health Office at the Back-to-School Night or on the first day of school.

Examples Include:

- EpiPens
- Inhalers
- Seizure rescue medications
- Diabetic medications and supplies

Please also provide the Physician-signed Emergency Action Plan for these conditions

Daily Medications at School

If your child needs medication during the school day:

- Medication must be in the original prescription container and stored in the Health Office.
- Medication permission form completed and signed - REQUIRED YEARLY.

Please contact us with any questions before sending medication to school

STOP BY AND SEE US!

We'll be at the Back-to-School Night in the Health Office on August 3rd! Come introduce yourself, ask questions, drop off paperwork/medications, or discuss your child's healthcare needs before the school year begins! We'd love to meet you!

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Health Office Information

School Nurse: Kendra Butkauskas, kbutkauskas@pccommodores.org | School Nurse: Cassie Culbertson, cculbertson@pccommodores.org

2026-2027 School Year Entry Immunization Requirements

Below are the number of doses and each vaccine required for school entry. The school nurse asks that you begin making arrangements to have your child immunized at your earliest convenience. This can be arranged with Perry County Hospital at the shot clinic for students with insurance. Uninsured students and students with Medicaid may continue to go to the Perry County Health department.

School Immunization Reporting: Perry Central will be participating in the CHIRP System. Parents will be asked to give their consent electronically in Skyward upon enrollment. This will be a one time acknowledgment.

Indiana 2026-2027 Required and Recommended School Immunizations

Grade	Required		Recommended
Pre-K	3 Hepatitis B 4 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis) 3 Polio	1 Varicella (Chickenpox) 1 MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) 2 Hepatitis A	Haemophilus influenza B Pneumococcal conjugate Annual influenza COVID-19
K-5th grade	3 Hepatitis B 5 DTaP 4 Polio	2 Varicella 2 MMR 2 Hepatitis A	Annual influenza COVID-19
6th-11th grade	3 Hepatitis B 5 DTaP 4 Polio 2 Varicella	2 MMR 2 Hepatitis A 1 MCV4 (Meningococcal) 1 Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis)	Annual influenza 2 or 3 HPV (Human papillomavirus) COVID-19
12th grade	3 Hepatitis B 5 DTaP 4 Polio 2 Varicella	2 MMR 2 Hepatitis A 2 MCV4 1 Tdap	Annual influenza 2 or 3 HPV 2 MenB (Meningococcal) COVID-19

HepB: The minimum age for the third dose of Hepatitis B is 24 weeks of age.

DTaP: Four doses of DTaP/DTP/DT are acceptable if the fourth dose was administered on or after the fourth birthday.

Polio: Three doses of Polio are acceptable for all grade levels if the third dose was given on or after the fourth birthday and at least six months after the previous dose.

Varicella: Physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is proof of immunity for children entering preschool through 12th grade. Parent report of disease history is not acceptable.

Tdap: There is no minimum interval from the last Td dose.

MCV4: Individuals who receive their first dose on or after their 16th birthday only need one dose of MCV4

Hepatitis A: The minimum interval between first and second dose is six calendar months. Two doses are required for all grade levels.

For additional immunization information, visit: in.gov/health/immunization or call **1 (800) 701-0704** during normal business hours.

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PERMISSION FORM TO ADMINISTER SPECIFIC MEDICATIONS

I request that school personnel administer the medication(s) and dosage(s) checked below to my child while he/she is in attendance at school. Please note any special instructions below. I also request that any prescription medication sent to school be administered in accordance with the written instructions from the physician.

I understand that this permission remains in effect until a new form is signed and submitted to the school nurse.

I understand that dosages for all medications will be administered according to the manufacturer's recommended dose for age and weight.

Student's Name: _____

_____ **Tylenol/Acetaminophen** (Non-aspirin) tabs, as needed

_____ **Ibuprofen** (Advil/Motrin) tabs, as needed

_____ **Benadryl** tab or capsule, as needed

_____ **Tums** and/or **Pepto Bismol,** as needed

_____ **Routine / Controlled Medications**
(Please list if a dose needs to be administered at school):

_____

_____

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

In accordance with Perry Central Community School Corporation Board Policy C525

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July 1, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Section 1111(h)(6) *PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW*, this is a notification from Perry Central Community School Corporation to every parent of a student in a Title I school that you have the right to request and receive information in a timely manner regarding the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teachers. This information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teachers shall include the following:

- If the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas taught;
- If the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status in which Indiana qualifications and licensing criteria are waived;
- The teachers baccalaureate degree major, graduate certification, and field of discipline; and
- Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications

If at any time your student has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher that is not highly qualified, you will be notified by the school of this information. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Dr. Jennifer Mitchell, Perry Central Elementary Principal at 812-843-5122, or me at 812-843-5576.

Sincerely,

Tara Bishop

Dr. Tara Bishop
Superintendent

Perry Central Elementary Title I Parent Compact
2026-2027

The Perry Central Elementary School, and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A (participating children), agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during the school year 2026-2027.

School Responsibilities

The Perry Central Elementary School will:

- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards as follows:
    - Provide reading instruction based on the Science of Reading, including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.
    - Utilize the writing process to improve students' writing skills.
    - Employ common formative assessments in reading, writing, and math to provide data used to identify and provide students instruction in the needed areas.
    - Collaborate with regular classroom teachers to identify specific needs for Title I students and how best to meet those needs.
    - Provide learning in the least-restrictive environment such as inclusion, pull-out, and small group instruction.
- Hold parent-teacher conferences annually, and more often if requested by parents during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.
    - Conferences will be held upon parent request.
- Provide parents with frequent reports on their child's progress.
    - Standards-based report cards will be sent home every nine weeks.
    - Kindergarten through third grade students will complete an early reading assessment three times per year, with results being sent home following each assessment.
- Provide parents reasonable access to staff.
    - Title I teacher/director Sarah Kelly is available from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM each school day to meet with parents. She may also be contacted by phone at school or at her home.

- Classroom teachers may be contacted by telephone by leaving a message in the school office, via Rooms or another school-provided communication platform, or a conference may be set up with the office or directly with the teacher.

- Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities as follows:

  - Parents are invited to observe classroom activities at any time, simply by registering first in the school office. Volunteers may contact Sarah Kelly to set up times and responsibilities.

Parent Responsibilities

We, as parents, will support our child's learning in the following ways:

- Monitoring attendance.
- Making sure that homework is completed.
- Monitoring the amount of screen time and technology used by my child.
- Volunteering in my child's classroom, as my schedule allows.
- Participating in school events and family outreach events.
- Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's education.
- Promoting positive use of my child's extracurricular time.
- Reading to and with my child.

Student Responsibilities

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards.

- Do my homework everyday and ask for help when needed.
- Read at least 20 minutes everyday outside of school time.
- Give my parents, or the adult who is responsible for my welfare, all notices and information received by me from my school everyday.

Distributed July 2026 via School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Perry Central Community Schools** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **$1.25**; lunch costs **$2.65**. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.** Reduced price is **$.30** for breakfast and **$.40** for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. 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 SNAP (Food Stamps) or 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 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.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2026-27			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	29,526	2,461	568
2	40,034	3,337	770
3	50,542	4,212	972
4	61,050	5,088	1,175
5	71,558	5,964	1,377
6	82,066	6,839	1,579
7	92,574	7,715	1,781
8	103,082	8,591	1,983
Each additional person:	+10,508	+876	+203

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 **Joyce Foury, Family Outreach Coordinator, 812-843-5576 or jfoury@pccommodores.org.**

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: **Perry Central Community School Corporation, Attention: Brandi LaMar, ECA Treasurer, 18677 Old State Rd 37, Leopold, IN 47551.**.
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 **Brandi LaMar, ECA Treasurer, 812-843-5576 or blamar@pccommodores.org** 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://pccs.k12.in.us** to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact **Brandi LaMar, ECA Treasurer, 812-843-5576 or blamar@pccommodores.org** 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 through **Friday, September 18th**. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price of meals.
7. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF MY CHILDREN RECEIVED FREE OR REDUCED MEALS AT THEIR PREVIOUS SCHOOL? If it is the beginning of the school year and you have not been notified that your children will receive free or reduced meals for the upcoming year, you will need to fill out an application. If your children transferred during the school year and they were receiving free or reduced meals at the previous school, contact **Brandi LaMar, ECA Treasurer, 812-843-5576 or blamar@pccommodores.org** immediately.
8. 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.
9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
10. 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.
11. 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: **Tara Bishop, Superintendent, 18677 Old State Rd 37, Leopold, IN 47551 or tbishop@pccommodores.org.**.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.

15. 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, 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.
16. 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 **Brandi LaMar, ECA Treasurer, 812-843-5576 or blamar@pccommodores.org** to receive a second application.
17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP (Food Stamp) or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-403-0864.**

If you have other questions or need help, call **812-843-5576.**.

Sincerely,

Tara Bishop
Superintendent
Perry Central Community School Corporation

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free or reduced price school meals. You only need to submit one application per household, even if your children attend more than one school in **Perry Central Community School Corporation**. The application must be filled out completely to determine the eligibility of your child(ren) for free or reduced price school meals. Please follow these instructions in order! Each step of the instructions is the same as the steps on your application. If at any time you are not sure what to do next, please contact **Brandi LaMar, ECA Treasurer, 812-843-5576 or blamar@pccommodores.org**.

Please use a pen (not a pencil) when filling out the application and do your best to print clearly.

STEP 1 LIST ALL INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND STUDENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING GRADE 12 IN THE HOUSEHOLD

Tell us how many infants/toddlers, children not in school, and elementary/middle/high school students live in your household. They do NOT have to be related to you to be a part of your household.

Who should I list here? When filling out this section, please include ALL members in your household who are:

- Children age 18 or under AND are supported with the household's income;
- In your care under a formal foster arrangement through a court or state/local agency, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth;
- Students attending (regardless of age) **Perry Central Community School Corporation**

A) List each child's name. Print each child's name. Use one line of the application for each child. If there are more children present than lines on the application, attach a second piece of paper with all required information for the additional children. "MI" is short for middle initial. Print the first letter of each child's middle name in the box.	**B) Is the child a student?** If yes, write the grade level of the student in the "Grade" column. For these students, also complete the "Only for Students" section including the name of the school building, birthdate, and whether the student is living with the parent or caretaker.	**C) Do you have any foster children?** If any children listed are foster children, mark the "Foster Child" box next to the child's name. If you are ONLY applying for foster children, after finishing **STEP 1**, go to **STEP 4**. Foster children who live with you may count as members of your household and should be listed on your application. If you are applying for both foster and non-foster children, go to step 3. Note: Adopted children are not considered foster children. A foster child is a minor child who has been taken into state custody and placed with a state-licensed adult, who cares for the child in place of their parent or guardian.	**D) Are any children homeless, migrant, or runaway?** If you believe any child listed in this section meets this description, mark the "Homeless, Migrant, Runaway" box next to the child's name and complete all steps of the application. Homeless, Migrant, Runaway status must be confirmed with the appropriate program staff. If the school district cannot confirm your student's homeless, migrant, or runaway status, then the school district will contact you to complete an income-based application. You may choose to provide income information now in order to prevent the school district from potentially needing to contact you later.

STEP 2 DO ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN SNAP or TANF?

If anyone in your household (including you) currently participates in one or more of the assistance programs listed below, your children are eligible for free school meals:

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

A) If no one in your household participates in any of the above listed programs: • Leave **STEP 2** blank and go to **STEP 3.**	**B) If anyone in your household participates in any of the above listed programs:** • Write a case number for SNAP or TANF. You only need to provide one case number. If you participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, contact: 1-800-403-0864. • Go to **STEP 4**.

STEP 3 REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

How do I report my income?

- Use the charts titled **"Sources of Income for Adults"** and **"Sources of Income for Children,"** to determine if your household has income to report.

Sources of Income for Children	
Sources of Child Income	**Example(s)**
- Earnings from work	- A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages
- Social Security - Disability Payments - Survivor's Benefits	- A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits -A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits
-Income from person outside the household	- A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money
-Income from any other source	- A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust

Sources of Income for Adults		
Earnings from Work	**Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support**	**Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income**
- Salary, wages, cash bonuses - Net income from self-employment (farm or business) **If you are in the U.S. Military:** - Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances) - Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing	- Unemployment benefits - Worker's compensation - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - Cash assistance from State or local government - Alimony payments - Child support payments - Veteran's benefits - Strike benefits	- Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) - Private pensions or disability benefits - Regular income from trusts or estates - Annuities - Investment income - Earned interest - Rental income - Regular cash payments from outside household

- Report all amounts in GROSS INCOME ONLY. Report all income in whole dollars. Do not include cents.
  - Gross income is the total income received **before** taxes and deductions.
  - Many people think of income as the amount they "take home" and not the total, "gross" amount. Make sure that the income you report on this application has NOT been reduced to pay for taxes, insurance premiums, or any other amounts taken from your pay.
- Write a "0" in any field where there is no income to report. Any income fields left empty or blank will also be counted as a zero. If you write '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials suspect that your household income was reported incorrectly, your application will be investigated.
- Mark how often each type of income is received using the check boxes to the right of each field.

3-A. REPORT INCOME EARNED BY ADULTS

Who should I list here?

- When filling out this section, please include ALL adult members in your household who are living with you and share income and expenses, <u>even if they are not related and even if they do not receive income of their own.</u>
- **Do NOT include:**
  - People who live with you but are not supported by your household's income AND do not contribute income to your household.
  - Infants, Children and students already listed in **STEP 1.**

1) List adult household members' names. Print the name of each household member in the boxes marked "Names of Adult Household Members (First and Last)." Include college students, unless they are declared independently on taxes (all college students are considered adults). <u>Do not list any household members you listed in **STEP 1.**</u>	**2) List earnings from work.** Report all income from work in the "Earnings from Work" field on the application. This is usually the money received from working at jobs. If you are a self-employed business or farm owner, you will report your net income. • ***What if I have multiple jobs?*** *List each job separately by entering your name and income from each job on a new line. Add an additional sheet of paper if necessary.* • ***What if I am self-employed?*** Report income from that work as a net amount. This is calculated by subtracting the total operating expenses of your business from its gross receipts or revenue. If a child listed in **Step 1** has income, follow the instructions in **Step 3, Part B.**	**3) List income from public assistance/child support/alimony.** Report all income that applies in the "Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony" field on the application. <u>Do not report the cash value of any public assistance benefits NOT listed on the chart.</u> If income is received from child support or alimony, only report court-ordered payments. Informal but regular payments should be reported as "other" income in the next part.
4) List income from pensions/retirement/all other income. Report all income that applies in the "Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income" field on the application. ***What if I receive income from multiple sources in this category?*** List each source separately by entering your name and income from each source on a new line. Add an additional sheet of paper if necessary.	**5) List total household size.** Enter the total number of household members in the field "Total Household Members (Children and Adults)." This number MUST be equal to the number of household members listed in **STEP 1** and **STEP 3**. If there are any members of your household that you have not listed on the application, go back and add them. It is very important to list all household members, as the size of your household affects your eligibility for free and reduced price meals.	**6) Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.** An adult household member must enter the last four digits of their Social Security Number in the space provided. You are eligible to apply for benefits even if you do not have a Social Security Number. If no adult household members have a Social Security Number, leave this space blank and mark the box to the right labeled "Check if no Social Security Number."

3-B. REPORT INCOME EARNED BY CHILDREN

Report all income earned or received by children. Report the combined gross income for ALL children listed in **STEP 1** in your household in the box marked "child income." Only count foster children's income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your household.

- ***What is child income?*** Child income is money received from outside your household that is paid DIRECTLY to your children. Many households do not have any child income.

STEP 4 CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE

All applications must be signed by an adult member of the household. By signing the application, that household member is promising that all information has been truthfully and completely reported. Before completing this section, please also make sure you have read the privacy and civil rights statements on the back of the application.

A) **Provide your contact information.** Write your current mailing address in the fields provided, if this information is available. If you have no permanent address, that is okay. Sharing a phone number, email address, or both is optional, but helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.	B) **Print and sign your name.** Print the name of the adult signing the application and that person signs in the box "Signature of Adult."	C) **Mail Completed Form to:** **Perry Central Community School Corporation** **Attention: Brandi LaMar** **18677 Old State Rd 37** **Leopold, IN 47551**

STEP 5 OPTIONAL

The following section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price school meals.

A) Share children's racial and ethnic identities (optional). On the back of the application, we ask you to share information about your children's race and ethnicity. This field is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price school meals. This information is requested solely for the purpose of determining the State's compliance with Federal civil rights laws, and your response will not affect consideration of your application, and may be protected by the Privacy Act.

Please return the application directly to your child's SCHOOL. DO NOT mail, fax, or email completed applications or questions about applications to the USDA Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights or your child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals will be delayed.

Perry Central Community School Corporation

2026-2027 Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil).

Prescribed by State Board of Accounts School Form No. 521/2026

Apply Online: https://pccs.k12.in.us
Return to: Perry Central Community School Corporation
Address: 18677 Old State Rd 37, Leopold, IN 47551

Instructions for each step including income examples can be found on the Parent Letter and Instructions page.

STEP 1 **List ALL children, infants, and students up to and including grade 12. Attach another sheet of paper if you need space for more names.**

List ALL children in the household. Do not forget to list infants, children attending other schools, children not in school, and children not applying for benefits. This includes children not related to you in your household.

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	Grade	Check all that apply.	Foster	Migrant	Runaway	Homeless	Only for Students	Name of School Building	Birthdate	Living with parent or caretaker relative? Yes	No
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STEP 2 **Do any household members (including you) participate in: SNAP or TANF?**

NO ☐ → Go to STEP 3.

YES ☐ → Write case number here and proceed to STEP 4.

CASE NUMBER (NOT EBT NUMBER):

Write only 10-digit case number in this space.

STEP 3 **List ALL household members and income for each member (before taxes and deductions)**

A. All Adult Household Members (Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related, including you.)

List all Adult Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they receive income, report total gross income (before taxes and deductions) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of Adult Household members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work	How often received? Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	2x Month	Monthly	Annual	Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony	How often received? Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	2x Month	Monthly	Annual	Pensions, Retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA Benefits, All Other Income	How often received? Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	2x Month	Monthly	Annual
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Total Number of Household Members (Children and Adults)		**Last Four Numbers of Social Security Number of Primary Wage Earner or other Adult Household Member (If Applicable)**					Check if no Social Security Number: ☐

B. Child Income

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Include the TOTAL income (before taxes and deductions) received by ALL children listed in STEP 1 here.

Child Income	How often received? Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	2x Month	Monthly	Annual
$	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

STEP 4 **Contact information and adult signature.** **RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL:** Perry Central Community School Corporation

"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (confirm) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

Print Name of Adult Signing the Form	Signature of Adult:	Today's Date:

Mailing Address (if available)	City	State	Zip	Phone (optional)	Email (Optional)

Optional | **Children's ethnic and racial identities. This information is kept confidential and may be protected by the Privacy Act of 1974.**

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity (check one): ☐ Hispanic or Latino (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race) ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (check one or more): ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White

Return this completed form to your child's school. *Do not mail, fax, or email completed applications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

DO NOT FILL OUT | **For school use only.**

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12. Do not annualize income to determine eligibility unless more than one income frequency is listed.

Total Income:	How often received?					Household Size:	Categorical Eligibility ☐	Eligibility Determination			Determining Official's Signature	Date
	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	2x Month	Monthly	Annual			Free	Reduced	Denied		
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐			☐	☐	☐		

For use at verification

Confirming Official's Signature	Date	Verifying Official's Signature	Date

Use of Information Statement

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that we use information from this application to see who qualifies for free or reduced price meals. We can only approve complete forms. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them deliver program benefits to your household. Inspectors and law enforcement may also use your information to make sure that program rules are met.

Please be sure to provide the last four numbers of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult does not have one, 'Check if no Social Security Number'. Applications for a foster child do not need to list a Social Security number. Applications for children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) do not need to list a Social Security number.

Some children qualify for free meals without an application. Please contact your school to get free meals for a foster child, and children who are homeless, migrant, or runaway.

Return completed form to your child's school.

The contact information below is solely to file a complaint of discrimination

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the State or local Agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture,
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Mail Stop
9410, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov

*** Do not mail applications to this address, only complaints of discrimination.**

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Required Annual Notices

Board Policy H150 - PUBLIC RECORDS

The Board recognizes its responsibility to maintain and protect the public records of the Board and to make these records available for inspection and the purchase of copies in compliance with the Indiana Access to Public Records Act ("APRA"). The Board directs the Superintendent to assert any exemption required to protect information that must be kept confidential pursuant to I.C. 5-14-3-4(a); and the Board authorizes the Superintendent to assert any discretionary exemption to the APRA found in I.C. 5-14-3-4(b). As such, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Corporation shall not disclose records which contain a student's personally identifiable information without the prior written consent of the parent or eligible student. In accordance with FERPA and Indiana Public Access Counselor Opinion, the Corporation shall not disclose information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable person in the community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with reasonable certainty.

Board Policy A275 - SCHOOL WELLNESS

Statement of Policy
It is the policy of the Perry Central Community Schools to promote student wellness by supporting healthy choices, good nutrition and physical activity as a part of the total learning environment. This policy applies to all students, staff, and schools in the Corporation.

Implementation of Policy

1. The Superintendent shall appoint a School Wellness Advisory Council consisting of at least one representative of:

    (1) Parents;
    (2) Food service supervisor and staff;
    (3) Students;
    (4) Nutritionists or certified dietitians;
    (5) School health care professionals (e.g., school nurses);
    (6) Board members;
    (7) A school administrator;
    (8) Interested community organizations;
    (9) Teachers of Physical Education and Health.

2. The School Wellness Advisory Council shall meet at the call of a chair ("Wellness Coordinator") designated by the Superintendent from among the members serving on the School Wellness Advisory Council; and shall oversee the Corporation's efforts to improve student wellness through curriculum, policies, and practices. The School Wellness Advisory Council shall meet at least once a school year. Proposals for policies and practices shall be made in writing and shall be reported to the Board through the Superintendent. No votes shall be taken and where there are diverging views on a matter to be reported to the Board, all points of view shall be included in the written report to the Superintendent.
3. The School Wellness Advisory Council shall hold at least one (1) public meeting annually at which public input about the development, implementation, evaluation, and update of Corporation's wellness policies and practices is solicited.
4. The School Wellness Advisory Council shall work with the:
    a. School Attorney to insure that the Corporation's policies and practices are consistent with Indiana and federal law and regulations, and the
    b. Indiana Department of Education, the Indiana Department of Health, and other public and private agencies offering information and support for student wellness initiatives.
5. Each administrator/supervisor assigned to manage a Corporation school ("Wellness Coordinator(s)") has the authority and duty to oversee the successful implementation of this Policy.

Nutrition Education and Nutrition Promotion
The Corporation will teach, model, encourage, and support healthy eating by all students. The Corporation will provide nutrition education and engage in nutrition promotion that is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote their health. Nutrition topics shall be integrated within the comprehensive health education curriculum and other curricular offerings such as math, science, language arts, social sciences, and electives according to standards of the Indiana Department of Education and federal law. Schools will link nutrition education activities with existing coordinated school health programs or other comparable comprehensive school health promotion frameworks. In addition to student nutrition education, the Corporation will assure food and nutrition services employees receive annual training in accordance with USDA Professional Standards.

Standards of U.S. Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition Programs and School Meals
The Board will provide and promote the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs to ensure that all students have access to healthy foods and beverages to support healthier choices and promote optimal learning. All meals served by the Corporation will meet the federal nutritional guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA") and follow principles of the Dietary

Guidelines for Americans. Guidelines promulgated by the Superintendent will establish nutrition guidelines for all foods available on school campus during the school day that are consistent with federal nutritional guidelines and promote student health and reduce childhood obesity.

Sold and Non-Sold Foods and Beverages
The Corporation is committed to ensuring that all foods and beverages available to students support healthy eating. The foods and beverages sold and served outside of the school meal programs (e.g., "sold" foods and beverages) will meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, at a minimum. By meeting the Smart Snacks standards, the Corporation aims to improve student health and well-being, increase consumption of healthy foods during the school day and create an environment that reinforces the development of healthy eating habits.
To support healthy food choices and improve student health and well-being, all foods and beverages outside the reimbursable school meal programs that are sold or served to students on the school campus during the school day will meet the USDA Smart Snacks nutrition standards. These standards will apply in all locations and through all services where foods and beverages are sold, which may include, but are not limited to, à la carte options in cafeterias, vending machines, school stores and snack or food carts.
Drinking water shall be freely available throughout the school day (typically through drinking fountains).

Food and Beverage Marketing in Schools
It is the intent of the Corporation to protect and promote health by permitting advertising and marketing for only those foods and beverages that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards during the school day.

Physical Activity and Other Activities
The Board supports the health and well-being of students by promoting physical activity through physical education, recess and other physical activity breaks; before-and after-school activities; and walking and bicycling to school. Additionally, the Board supports physical activity among elementary students by providing them with at least 30 of the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity per day.

Public Input
Parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, the Board, Corporation administrators, and the general public are permitted to participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of this Policy and procedures.

Annual Notification of Policy
The Corporation will actively inform families and the public each year of basic information about this policy, including its content, any updates to the policy, and implementation status. This annual notification will include information on how the public can get involved in the Student Wellness Advisory Council or the implementation of the wellness policy in general. This information will be made available via the Corporation website and/or Corporation-wide communications.

Evaluation
At least once every three (3) years, the Corporation will evaluate compliance with the wellness policy through a locally created rubric to assess the implementation of the policy and include:
1. The extent to which schools in the Corporation are in compliance with the wellness policy;
2. The extent to which the Corporation's wellness policy compares to the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's model wellness policy; and
3. The progress made in attaining the goals of the Corporation's wellness policy.

The Corporation will post the results of the triennial evaluation on the Corporation website when available.

Administrative Guidelines
The Superintendent or his or her designee shall ensure that this Policy and procedures are duly implemented, complied with, and evaluated. The content and implementation of this Policy and procedures shall be made available to the public. On an annual basis, the Superintendent or his or her designee shall assess this Policy and procedures, including the extent to which the Corporation is in compliance with the Policy, the extent to which the Policy compares to a model policy, and a description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the Policy. The Superintendent or his or her designee shall report to the board on an annual basis an assessment of this Policy and corresponding procedures. This assessment shall be made available to the public.

The Superintendent or his designee shall develop and administer guidelines to:
1. Coordinate the work of the School Wellness Advisory Council and staff members working in Food Services, Curriculum Development, and extra-curricular activities;
2. Promote student wellness in all curricular and extra-curricular activities of the Corporation;
3. Establish goals and procedures for the implementation of this Policy, including regular assessment of progress on established wellness goals.