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FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

The Des Arc School District will be participating in the National School Lunch Program, and/or School Breakfast Program]. Households may be eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits. Applications may be found at the Principal's office at both Elementary and High Schools; or online at The School District website.. Households that participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households must complete and return the application. Applications will be considered incomplete if all information is not provided as described in the instructions provided with the application. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year as circumstances change provided that the loss of income causes the household income during the period of unemployment to be within the eligibility criteria.

Households with children who received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. may submit an application with abbreviated information as described in the application instructions.

All applications are subject to verification. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request to: Dr. Marc Sherrell at 870-256-4164.

Children certified as foster, migrant, homeless or runaway by the district are categorically eligible for free meals. Contact Rachel Ladner at 870-256-4128 with questions regarding foster, migrant, homeless or runaway meal benefits.

Households who are notified of their eligibility but who do not want their children to receive free meals must contact the school. SNAP households should complete an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by August 11,2026.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

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