



Dear Ledyard Families,

For the 2025-26 school year, qualification limits for the Free and Reduced Lunch program set by the State have changed. Based on this, we strongly encourage **every family** to complete this year's application - regardless of previous eligibility.

For the school year 2025-2026, **only students that qualify, will receive a free or reduced-price meal.** All others will be responsible to pay full price for breakfast and lunch.

Even if you believe you may not qualify—

**Simply completing a Free and Reduced Lunch application helps our community:**

- ★ Allowing the district to **qualify for additional state funding**, reducing the financial burden on local taxpayers
- ★ Supporting access to **state and federal grants** that directly benefit students in need
- ★ Enabling students to receive **no-cost or reduced-cost access** to athletics, field trips, testing fees, and college application fees

These applications are **strictly confidential** and can be completed electronically using the links below:

[English](#)   [Spanish](#)   [Mandarin](#)

If you prefer a paper application, please contact your school's secretary or reach out to Siobhan Brannen, Administrative Assistant to Operations and Facilities, at [sbrannen@ledyard.net](mailto:sbrannen@ledyard.net) or 860-464-9255 x1700. Paper applications can be returned to your child's school or placed in the secure drop box at the Central Office entrance.

We appreciate your support of this important program and look forward to welcoming your students back to school soon!

## Meal Program Statistics

**248,346**  
*The number of meals served provided to Ledyard students last school year*

**\$954**  
*The cost to feed one student for a year*

**5**  
*Positions funded partially by FRL related grants*

## **Important points of clarification:**

- Free Meals Eligibility - Free meals cover one breakfast and one lunch per student, per day.
- Any additional meals or à la carte items, including milk, must be paid for from the student's meal account.
- Students must have a positive balance in their account to purchase these items.
- Updated meal prices and details on how to add funds can be found on [this page](#).

## **Student Food Service Accounts & MySchoolBucks**

- Students can **avoid transaction fees by bringing cash or a check** to school to add funds to their food service account.
- Families can also add funds online using **MySchoolBucks**. Instructions and more information are available [here](#).

## **Ledyard Food Service Website**

Visit the [ledyard.net Food Service page](#) to access:

- Menus
- Meal pricing
- Payment portal
- Free and Reduced Lunch information
- And more!

## [USDA Nondiscrimination Statement](#)

## **Direct Certification Reminder**

- Students who receive **State aid** (SNAP, TFA, or Medicaid) are considered **Direct Certified** and **do not need to complete** a Free and Reduced Lunch application. These students are **automatically approved** for the program.