

Lafourche Parish School Board

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Previously, Lafourche Parish School District offered breakfast and lunch at no charge to all elementary and middle school students each day through an option called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which is available to some schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program (SBP).

Due to the district's federal Community Eligibility Provision qualification period ending (the district received pandemic funding for 2020-2022 and then qualified for funding from 2022-2026 due to the impacts of Hurricane Ida), CEP is no longer a viable option for all elementary and middle schools. Only the following schools are eligible to participate in the CEP program in 2026-2027:

- Galliano Elementary School
- Golden Meadow Middle School
- Golden Meadow Elementary School
- St. Charles Elementary School
- Raceland Lower Elementary School
- Raceland Upper Elementary School
- Raceland Middle School
- W.S. Lafargue Elementary School
- Thibodaux Elementary School
- Thibodaux Middle School
- C.M. Washington Elementary School

Lafourche Parish School District will continue to offer a healthy breakfast and lunch to students during the school day, but will return to the previous system of collecting household applications for households that wish to apply for free or reduced priced meals at non-CEP eligible schools.

What does this mean for you and your child(ren)?

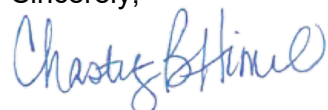
- Your household must meet eligibility requirements for your child(ren) to receive free or reduced price meals at school.
- You may submit an application with your household income information for your child(ren) to qualify for free or reduced price meals. Online application processing will be available beginning Wednesday, August 5, 2026.
- If any member of your household receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits, your child automatically qualifies for free meals. You should receive a notification from the Lafourche Parish School District Child Nutrition Office, informing you that you do not need to submit an application. If

you or a household member receives SNAP, TANF, or FDIPR benefits, but you do not receive a notification, you may submit an application with your case number to qualify for free meals.

- You may also submit an application to qualify for free meals based on your child's status as a homeless, runaway, migrant, or foster child, or your child's participation in Head Start. You may indicate your child's status on the application.
If your child does not qualify for free meals, your child may purchase meals at the reduced price or paid rate, depending on their eligibility status.
- Meal Prices
 - Lunch:
 - \$2.10 high school students
 - \$1.70 middle school students
 - \$1.65 elementary school students
 - Breakfast:
 - \$1.60 high school students
 - \$1.55 middle school students
 - \$1.55 elementary school students
- Students qualifying for reduced price meals by household size and income levels in the National School Lunch/Breakfast program will receive breakfast and lunch at no charge.
- The Lafourche Parish School District Child Nutrition Department operates on a "no-charging allowed policy". Please refer to Policy EE on the LPSD website for detailed information. Parents can send cash, checks or money orders to the school with their children and pay for meals by the week, month, year, or daily as long as it is before the meal. Payments can be made on-line at www.myschoolbucks.com (fee assessed). Parents may view their child's meal participating and payment history by accessing the website. Checks are to be made payable to Lafourche Parish Child Nutrition Department. If a non-sufficient fund (NSF) check is received from a household, only cash or money order will be accepted thereafter for payment of meals. Personal checks will no longer be accepted for meal payment after May 1st of each school year. Any credit balance (positive or negative) left in the student's account will be rolled over into their account for the next school year. Any request for refund shall be made by a parent, either in person or by written request, to the cafeteria manager no later than May 1, 2027.

If you have any questions, or need assistance completing your application for free or reduced price meals, please contact the Child Nutrition Department at 985-447-3732 or childnutrition@mylpsd.com.

Sincerely,



Chastity B. Himel, Executive Director of Business Services

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