

Community Unit School District 200

Administration and School Service Center

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. CUSD 200 offers healthy meals every school day. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Following are some commonly asked questions:

1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use only 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 your child's school.

2. Who can get free meals? Children in households getting Food Stamps or TANF and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.

3. Who can get reduced price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Chart →

4. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.

Federal Income Chart For School Year 2006-2007		
Household Size	Weekly	Monthly
1	349	1,511
2	470	2,035
3	591	2,560
4	712	3,084
5	833	3,608
6	954	4,132
7	1,075	4,656
8	1,196	5,180
	Each Additional	
Family Member	+121	+525

5. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals? Please call CUSD 200 at 630-682-2005 to see if your child(ren) qualify, if you have not been informed that they will get free meals.

6. Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.

7. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced price meals? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call your child's school if you have any questions.

8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps TANF or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced price meals.

9. 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 William R. Farley, Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations at 130 W. Park Ave., Wheaton, IL 60187 or call at 630-682-2005.

10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.

11. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relative, or friends). You must include yourself and all children who live with you.

12. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only get \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but only if it's steady income.

13. We are in the military, do we include our housing allowance as income? If you housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have other questions or need assistance please call your child's school.

Sincerely,

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