

MEMORANDUM

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

2024-2025 FREE AND REDUCED-PRICED MEALS

Dear Families,

As the 2024-2025 school year approaches, we would like to welcome you and your student(s) to the Indian River School District and our Food and Nutrition Services Department. Since good nutrition is so important for growing bodies and learning minds, our breakfast and lunch menus are designed to provide students with opportunities to learn about and practice healthy eating behaviors.

Is there a way students can get meals for free or at a reduced price?

Yes. There are many ways students can get free meals. Students are automatically eligible for free meals if anyone in their household receives SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits. Additionally, students experiencing homelessness, children of foster care, runaway youth, or children of migrant workers all qualify for free school meals.

Are there additional ways students can receive free or reduced-priced meals?

Yes. If a student's household does not participate in SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, they may still qualify for free or reduced-priced meals based on household income.

How do I apply for free or reduced-priced meals for my child?

Families will be required to complete an online application. *The Indian River County School District Family (Household) Application for Free and Reduced Priced Meals 2024/2025* can be completed by using the website <https://linqconnect.com>

Families are to fill out only **ONE APPLICATION PER HOUSEHOLD**. Applications will require the following information which will be necessary for the department to make an eligibility determination.

- The names and incomes of every member of your household
- The school, grade, birthdate and school ID# of every student in your household
- The signature of an adult household member; and
- The last 4 digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application, OR if the adult does not have a Social Security number, s/he must check the box, "I do not have a Social Security number," if provided. It cannot be left blank.

How do I add funds to my child's account.

- Families can send cash with their student to school.
- Families can send a check with their student to school. Checks must include the students ID# & household phone number.
- Families can deposit funds online using the website <https://linqconnect.com>

The Food and Nutrition Services department will once again offer some past favorite menu items along with the introduction of many new, exciting and healthy menu options for all students through the upcoming school year. Please feel free to contact Shelly.geason@indianriverschools.org or call (772) 564-4982 with any specific questions you may have.

Thank you, and we hope to encourage all students to take part in our breakfast and lunch programs on a regular basis, while creating happy and healthy memorable moments in our school cafeterias.



Our Mission:

Being best by kids that unleashes student potential through well balanced meals, creating inclusive and encouraging relationships with students, employees, and stakeholders, and to make a positive impact in and with the school community.

