

CHURCHILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Nutrition Program Information

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Children need healthy meals to learn. Churchill County School District (ChurchillCSD) offers healthy meals every school day at all of our schools. Meal prices for 2019-20 school year are:

| School | Grades | Breakfast | Lunch |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Elementary Schools | Pre-K to 5 th | Free | \$2.85 |
| Middle School | 6 th to 8 th | \$2.00 | \$3.00 |
| High School | 9 th to 12 th | \$2.00 | \$3.25 |
| Adults | | \$2.50 | \$4.00 |

Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. There is no charge for free or reduced meals for qualified students, but an application must be approved by ChurchillCSD staff. You can complete the application online using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal accessible from the District's homepage at www.ChurchillCSD.com.

The following are frequently asked questions regarding the free or reduced price meal program.

- DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use **one** Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals 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 one of your children's school cafeterias or complete the application online.
- WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?** All children in households receiving benefits from State SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or State TANF, can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
- CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes. Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.
- CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told that your children will get free meals, please contact Carol Johnson, Students in Transition Coordinator at Churchill County High School 423-2181 extension 4151.
- MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for last school year and for the first thirty (30) days of this school year. You must complete a new application unless the District has told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.

7. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of income.
8. **IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
9. **WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to Phyllis Dowd at 428-7230. You also may ask for a hearing by contacting Dr. Summer Stephens, Superintendent, at 423-5184 or 690 South Maine Street, Fallon, NV 89406.
10. **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?** Yes. You or your children do not have to be citizens 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 (including friends) who *share* income and expenses. You must include yourself, other adults and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (people that you do not support and they pay a pro-rated share of expenses), then do not include them.
12. **WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1,000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1,000 per month. If you normally get overtime, then include it. If you occasionally work overtime, then do not include it. If you have lost a job, had your hours or wages reduced, then use your current income.
13. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
14. **MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HIS/HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME?** No. If combat pay is received in addition to his/her basic pay because of his/her deployment and it wasn't received before he/she was deployed, then combat pay is not counted as income.

If you have additional questions or need help please contact FoodServices@ChurchillCSD.com or 775-428-7230.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Dowd
Director of Business Services