

**School Year 2023-2024  
Public Media Release for Free Breakfast and Lunch Meals**

Coronado Unified School District is announcing its policy for providing UNIVERSAL FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MEALS for children served under the School Breakfast Program and/or National School Lunch Program. The California Universal Meals Program, AB 130, requires public school districts serving students in grades K–12 to provide two meals free of charge (breakfast and lunch) during each school day to students requesting a meal, regardless of their free or reduced-price meal eligibility.

Each school and/or the district/agency’s central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party upon request. For more information, please contact Charity Campbell at [charity.campbell@coronadousd.net](mailto:charity.campbell@coronadousd.net)

No meal applications will be needed to receive the free daily meals. Though completing the free and reduced-price meal application may help benefit the district for additional funding, families may receive discounted testing, and discounted internet, among other things. All families are encouraged to apply if they think they may qualify.

Meal applications will be sent to all households with a letter informing parents or guardians of the availability of free and reduced-price meals. To apply, complete one application for all children in the household and submit to the school for processing. Additional copies are available at the school office, or you may apply online at <http://coronadousd.net/departments/food-services-student-nutrition/>. Households may apply at any time during the school year. Information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school officials.

Children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals if their household income is less than or equal to the Income Eligibility Guidelines identified below, which will be used to determine eligibility for meal benefits. These guidelines are effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**Income Eligibility Guidelines**

**Reduced-Price Meals**

July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024

Household Size	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Week
1	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$1,124	\$ 1,038	\$ 519
2	\$36,482	\$3,041	\$1,521	\$1,404	\$702
3	\$45,991	\$3,833	\$1,917	\$1,769	\$885
4	\$55,500	\$4,625	\$2,313	\$2,135	\$1,068
5	\$65,009	\$5,418	\$2,709	\$2,501	\$1,251
6	\$74,518	\$6,210	\$3,105	\$2,867	\$1,434
7	\$84,027	\$7,003	\$3,502	\$3,232	\$1,616
8	\$93,536	\$7,795	\$3,898	\$3,598	\$1,799
For each additional family member, add:					
	\$ 9,509	\$ 793	\$ 397	\$ 366	\$ 183

**Free Meals**

July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024

Household Size	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Week
1	\$ 18,954	\$ 1,580	\$ 790	\$ 729	\$ 365
2	\$ 25,636	\$ 2,137	\$ 1,069	\$ 986	\$ 493
3	\$ 32,318	\$ 2,694	\$ 1,347	\$ 1,243	\$ 622
4	\$ 39,000	\$ 3,250	\$ 1,625	\$ 1,500	\$ 750
5	\$ 45,682	\$ 3,807	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,757	\$ 879
6	\$ 52,364	\$ 4,364	\$ 2,182	\$ 2,014	\$ 1,007
7	\$ 59,046	\$ 4,921	\$ 2,461	\$ 2,271	\$ 1,136
8	\$ 65,728	\$ 5,478	\$ 2,739	\$ 2,528	\$ 1,264
For each additional family member, add:					
	\$ 6,682	\$ 557	\$ 279	\$ 257	\$ 129

Coronado Unified School District will notify the household of their children's eligibility for free meals if any household member receives Assistance Programs such as: Medi-Cal, CalFresh, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), or Food Distribution Program Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits. Households will also be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals based on the individual's child's designation as Other Source Categorical Eligible such as: foster, homeless, migrant, runaway, enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class. An application is not required if a household receives the eligibility notice from school officials. If children or households receive benefits under Assistance Programs or Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs and are not listed on the notice of eligibility and are not notified by the school of their free meal benefits, the parent or guardian should contact the school or should submit an income application. Households should contact the school immediately regarding any child in the household not included on the eligibility notice. Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the school officials if they choose to decline the free meal benefits.

Households that did not receive the eligibility notice from school officials and would like to apply for meal benefits must submit a complete free and reduced-price application for Coronado Unified School District to determine a child's eligibility.

Households receiving Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR benefits must include the following on their meal application:

1. Names of all enrolled children
2. One case number from any household member
3. Signature of an adult household member

Households with foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway children must include:

1. Names of all enrolled children
2. Indication of individual child's categorical eligibility status
3. Signature of an adult household member

Households who may qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income must include:

1. Names of all household members (children and adults)
2. Amount, frequency, and source of current income for each household member
3. The last 4 digits of the Social Security number (SSN) of the adult household member who signs the application or check the box if the adult does not have a SSN
4. Signature of an adult household member

Foster children are eligible for free meals and may be included as a household member of a foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for the non-foster children. Including foster children as a household member may help the non-foster children in the household qualify for free or reduced-price meal benefits. If the foster family is not eligible for meal benefits, this does not prevent foster children from receiving free meal benefits.

Children in households participating in Women, Infants and Children (WIC) **may** be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Contact school officials for further information or complete an application for processing.

Under the provisions of Coronado Unified School District Free and Reduced-Price Meal Policy Statement, the designated determining official(s) will review meal Applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the eligibility determination may discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents or guardians may also make a formal request for an appeal hearing of the decision and may do so orally or in writing with Charity Campbell, Director of Child Nutrition Services. Contact the hearing official at 619-522-8907 x2085 for information regarding the hearing procedures.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the school. Such changes may make the household eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year, eligibility from the previous school year will continue within the same school/agency. When the carry-over period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the children must pay full price for school meals and the school will not send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility.

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

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U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**  
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**  
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