

**Danvers Public Schools
64 Cabot Road
Danvers, MA 01923**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Danvers Public Schools is pleased to announce our participation in the National School Lunch Program. Meals will be available to all children at our following schools: Danvers High School, Holten Richmond Middle School, Thorpe Elementary, Ivan G. Smith Elementary, Riverside Elementary, Highland Elementary and Great Oak Elementary. Meals meet nutritional standards set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Our schools will participate in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

If your income is less than or equal to the following guidelines you are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. These guidelines are effective **July 1, 2017** through **June 30, 2018**. If you have children who are approved for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) they are automatically able to receive free meals and do not need to fill out an application. Students who are migrant, homeless, runaways or eligible for Head Start or Even Start are automatically eligible and do not need to fill out an application. Foster children receive free meals regardless of the income of the household with which they reside. If any child(ren) was not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the LEA or school to have free meal benefits extended to that child(ren). Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the LEA or school to decline the free meal benefits.

Reduced Price Meals – 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines						Free Meals – 130 % of Federal Poverty Guidelines				
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	22,311	1,860	930	859	430	15,678	1,307	654	603	302
2	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578	21,112	1,760	880	812	406
3	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727	26,546	2,213	1,107	1,021	511
4	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876	31,980	2,665	1,333	1,230	615
5	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024	37,414	3,118	1,559	1,439	720
6	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173	42,848	3,571	1,786	1,648	824
7	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322	48,282	4,024	2,012	1,857	929
8	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471	53,716	4,477	2,239	2,066	1,033
For each additional family member add:										
	7,733	645	323	298	149	5,434	453	227	209	105

For more information, or to get an application for free or reduced-price school meals, contact us at: *Thomas Powers, 64 Cabot Road, Danvers, MA 01923, 978-777-8925 x2388.*

We can't approve your application unless it's complete. The information you give us on your application may be checked. You may apply for free or reduced price meals at any time during the school year if your situation changes. If you become unemployed, your child(ren) may be able to have free or reduced priced meals based on your unemployment income. If we deny your free or reduced price meals application, we will give you a chance to appeal the decision.

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