

KEEFE REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS
PUBLIC RELEASE STATEMENT

The Keefe Regional Technical School District today announced its policy for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. The school office and the nutrition office each has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines will be used for determining eligibility. Children from families whose annual income is at or below the Federal Guidelines are eligible for free and reduced price meals. To apply for free or reduced price meals households must fill out the application and return it to the school (unless notified at the start of the school year that children are eligible through direct certification.) Copies of the application are available at the Guidance office.

The 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 or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. To obtain free or reduced price meals for children in a household where one or more household members receive SNAP, TANF or FDPIR, list the case number, list the names of all school children, and sign and return the application to the school office. For the school officials to determine eligibility for free or reduced price meals of households not receiving SNAP, FDPIR or TANF, the household must provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. In lieu of a social security number, the household may indicate that the signer does not possess a social security number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, welfare, child support, etc.).

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price meal, the Free & Reduced Lunch Coordinator will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Jonathan Evans, Superintendent, 750 Winter Street Framingham, MA 01702. If a hearing is needed to appeal the decision, the policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

The family should contact the school if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes. Such changes may make the household eligible for reduced price meals or free meals if the household income falls at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, and they may reapply at that time.

In most cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for free or reduced price meals, the household should contact the school Guidance Department for more information.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. Public Law 103-448 does authorize the release of student free and reduced price school meal eligibility status to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the Free & Reduced Lunch Coordinator at (508) 416-2248.

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

Local education officials have adopted the following family-size income criteria for determining eligibility: