

## Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome back to the new 2018-2019 school year! This letter includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits and detailed instructions. Below are some common questions to help you with the process. We are pleased to inform you that San Ysidro School District will participate in the Provision 2 Breakfast and Lunch program for school year 2018-2019. This program will allow us to serve your child(ren) meals at no charge, however it is crucial that you fill out and submit the meal eligibility application attached at the beginning of the school year. To apply, please complete ONE application per family and submit to the school for processing. Additional copies will be available at the school office or you may apply online at sanysidro.rocketscanapps.com.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

- 1. Who can qualify for free or reduced price meals?
  - The district needs to collect eligibility data each year. You qualify for free or reduced if:
- All children in the household receive CalFresh, CalWORKS or FDPIR.
- Foster children that are under legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court.
- Children participating in a Head Start Program.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant.
- If your household's income falls at or below federal limits (chart is located on the back of the application).
- 2. **Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Use one application per family.
- 3. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out a new one? Yes, the application is only good for that school year. You must send in a new application unless you received a letter (please see next question).
- 4. Should I fill out an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are already approved? No, but please read the letter carefully, if any children in your household were missing please contact Nutrition Services immediately.
- 5. Can I apply online? YES! Visit sanysidro.rocketscanapps.com to begin or learn more.
- 6. **Will the information I give be checked?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
- 7. **May I apply if I'm not a U.S. Citizen?** Yes. You, your children, or other household members don't have to be U.S. citizens to apply.
- 8. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you make \$1000 per month.
- 9. What if there is no income to report? Please write 0 (zero) on the field. If any income fields are left blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when you leave income fields blank as we will assume you meant to do so.
- 10. We are in the military. Do we report our income differently? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. Any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
- 11. What if there isn't enough space on the application for my family? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application.

If you have other questions, please call the Child Nutrition Department at (619) 428-4476 Ext.3016.

Sincerely, Paloma Perez, Director Child Nutrition