

**ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
2020-2021 MEDIA RELEASE
FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS
IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Rowland Unified School District announced today its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Nutrition Services, located at 4032 South Ellesford Ave., West Covina, 91792, has a copy of the policy which may be reviewed by any interested party. Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income is less than or equal to the federal guidelines.

Income Eligibility Guidelines
July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

| Household size | Free Eligibility Scale for Lunch, Breakfast, and Milk | | | | | Reduced-Price Eligibility Scale for Lunch and Breakfast | | | | |
|--|---|----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|---|----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| | Year | Month | Twice Per Month | Every Two Weeks | Week | Year | Month | Twice Per Month | Every Two Weeks | Week |
| 1 | \$ 16,588 | \$ 1,383 | \$ 692 | \$ 638 | \$ 319 | \$ 23,606 | \$ 1,968 | \$ 984 | \$ 908 | \$ 454 |
| 2 | \$ 22,412 | \$ 1,868 | \$ 934 | \$ 862 | \$ 431 | \$ 31,894 | \$ 2,658 | \$ 1,329 | \$ 1,227 | \$ 614 |
| 3 | \$ 28,236 | \$ 2,353 | \$ 1,177 | \$ 1,086 | \$ 543 | \$ 40,182 | \$ 3,349 | \$ 1,675 | \$ 1,546 | \$ 773 |
| 4 | \$ 34,060 | \$ 2,839 | \$ 1,420 | \$ 1,310 | \$ 655 | \$ 48,470 | \$ 4,040 | \$ 2,020 | \$ 1,865 | \$ 933 |
| 5 | \$ 39,884 | \$ 3,324 | \$ 1,662 | \$ 1,534 | \$ 767 | \$ 56,758 | \$ 4,730 | \$ 2,365 | \$ 2,183 | \$ 1,092 |
| 6 | \$ 45,708 | \$ 3,809 | \$ 1,905 | \$ 1,758 | \$ 879 | \$ 65,046 | \$ 5,421 | \$ 2,711 | \$ 2,502 | \$ 1,251 |
| 7 | \$ 51,532 | \$ 4,295 | \$ 2,148 | \$ 1,982 | \$ 991 | \$ 73,334 | \$ 6,112 | \$ 3,056 | \$ 2,821 | \$ 1,411 |
| 8 | \$ 57,356 | \$ 4,780 | \$ 2,390 | \$ 2,206 | \$ 1,103 | \$ 81,622 | \$ 6,802 | \$ 3,401 | \$ 3,140 | \$ 1,570 |
| For each additional family member, add: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | \$ 5,824 | \$ 486 | \$ 243 | \$ 224 | \$ 112 | \$ 8,288 | \$ 691 | \$ 346 | \$ 319 | \$ 160 |

Families are strongly encouraged to apply for free and reduced-price meals online at <https://family.titank12.com/>. A minimal number of paper applications will be available at the Nutrition Services office and can be mailed to you upon request. To apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits, families complete one application per household listing all family members living in the household. Applications must be submitted online.

Children who receive CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR benefits may be automatically eligible for free meals regardless of the income of the household in which they reside. Nutrition Services will notify households by mail of their eligibility based on enrollment in these programs, on or before **July 31, 2020**. Families who receive an eligibility letter must verify that all children in the family have been listed to receive free or reduced-price meals. If any child is not listed on the letter, the parent or guardian must contact Nutrition Services to have benefits extended to that child. Households who choose to decline automatic meal benefits must contact Nutrition Services.

Students who are homeless, migrant, or runaway qualify for free meals. A meal application must be submitted indicating the child is homeless, migrant, or runaway.

Foster children are eligible for free meals and may be included as a household member if the foster family chooses to also apply for the non-foster children on the same application. Including a foster child as a household member may help the non-foster children qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

Families who participate in the Special/Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and are encouraged to complete a meal application.

Meal eligibility from the 2019-2020 school year will be carried over for the first 30 operating days of the new school year to allow families sufficient time to complete a meal application for the 2020-2021 school year.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the determining official(s), as designated by Nutrition Services, shall review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the eligibility ruling may discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If after speaking with the Nutrition Services official, parents wish to dispute the results, they may make a formal request for an appeal hearing of the decision, orally or in writing, to:

Alejandro Flores, Assistant Superintendent
Administrative Services
Rowland Unified School District
1830 S. Nogales St., Rowland Heights, CA 91748
(626) 854-8309

Families who do not qualify for meal benefits may reapply at any time during the school year if a household member becomes unemployed, there is a change in income, the family size increases, or if a family member begins to receive CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR benefits.

Families who have any questions regarding the meal application process can contact Nutrition Services at (626) 854-8312.

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