



Newport-Mesa Unified School District Nutrition Services Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)?

Applications for free and reduced price meals are available throughout the year online at www.myschoolapps.com, at the school site office and at the Nutrition Services office. Parents may file applications online or request an application packet be mailed to their home by calling 714-424-5090. Paper applications may be returned to the school site office, school cafeteria or the Nutrition Services office. Parents or guardians of students eligible to receive CalFresh and CalWORKS benefits need to fill out an application, and will qualify for free meals.

2021-2022 Eligibility Guidelines

Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs)					
July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022					
Use the income chart below to see if you qualify for the free or reduced-price meal program					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$23,828	\$1,986	\$993	\$917	\$459
2	\$32,227	\$2,686	\$1,343	\$1,240	\$620
3	\$40,626	\$3,386	\$1,693	\$1,563	\$782
4	\$49,025	\$4,086	\$2,043	\$1,886	\$943
5	\$57,424	\$4,786	\$2,393	\$2,209	\$1,105
6	\$65,823	\$5,486	\$2,743	\$2,532	\$1,266
7	\$74,222	\$6,186	\$3,093	\$2,855	\$1,428
8	\$82,621	\$6,886	\$3,443	\$3,178	\$1,589
For each additional household member add	\$8,399	\$700	\$350	\$324	\$162

Do I need to fill out a separate application for each child?

No, only one application is needed per family. Please be sure to list all of your children on the application.

How do I find out the result of my application?

Parents or guardians are notified by mail.

Do I need to re-apply each school year for free/reduced lunches?

Yes, a new application is needed each school year. If you do not fill out a new application, you will need to pay full price for your child's lunch.

How much do meals cost?

School meals are available to all NMUSD students (where applicable) at no cost during the 2021-2022 School Year.

How do I pay for food items available outside of the free school meals (i.e. a la carte)?

Students may place money on their account for additional, a la carte food items (at participating sites) that are not included in the free meal. Prepayment may be made online through www.myschoolbucks.com or students and/or parents may make prepayments (cash or check) at the school site office, school cafeteria or Nutrition Services office. Money will be posted to the student's account within 24 hours.

How do I access the meal program at Elementary schools?

Meal cards for elementary students are kept in the cafeteria area at all times. The cards are placed in a card rack separated by teacher name or room number. A teacher, teacher's aide or designated student monitor distributes cards to students at mealtime. **Exception:** No lunch cards are used at Adams, College Park, Pomona, Rea, Whittier and Wilson.

How do I access the meal program at Secondary schools?

At the point of service, the student (either at their home school or a visiting student) enters his / her student ID number on a pin pad or scans his / her student card.

Are meals provided when students go on a field trip?

Free field trip meals are available to all students.

Where can I find the menu?

<http://web.nmusd.us/applications>

If you have any other questions, please contact the Nutrition Services Office at (714) 424-5090.