

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Maercker School District 60** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.50**; lunch costs **\$3.00**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is **\$.30** for breakfast and **\$.40** for lunch. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, use the Household Eligibility Application, which is enclosed. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to **YOUR SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE**.

Your child(ren) may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021)					
Household Size	Reduced-Price Meals (185% Federal Poverty Guidelines)				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	23,606	1,968	984	908	454
2	31,894	2,658	1,329	1,227	614
3	40,182	3,349	1,675	1,546	773
4	48,470	4,040	2,020	1,865	933
5	56,758	4,730	2,365	2,183	1,092
6	65,046	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
7	73,334	6,112	3,056	2,821	1,411
8	81,622	6,802	3,401	3,140	1,570
For each additional family member, add	8,288	691	346	319	160

- DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use *one Household Eligibility Application* for all students in your household per district. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to the school.
- WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS? All children in households receiving benefits from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and/or are foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant also qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please contact your school to see if your child(ren) qualifies.
- WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown above.
- A MEMBER OF MY HOUSEHOLD RECEIVED SNAP OR TANF BENEFITS. THE SCHOOL SENT A LETTER STATING THAT MY CHILD IS AUTOMATICALLY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION. DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING MORE TO ENSURE THAT MY CHILD RECIEVES FREE MEALS? No. You do not need to do anything more to receive free meals for your child. If you have students not listed on the letter, contact the school immediately. If you do not wish to receive the free meals, you should follow the steps outlined in the letter from the school to notify school personnel immediately.
- HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please contact your school.
- MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out the enclosed application.
- WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof.
- IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to the person listed above.
- MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
- WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that 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 made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
- WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it 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.
- MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP, TANF or other assistance benefits, contact your local Department of Human Services office or call (800) 843-6154 (voice) or (800) 447-6404 (TTY).

Sincerely,

1. Todos los miembros del hogar (anexe otra hoja de papel si es necesario).

Comprobar si la solicitud es propensa a errores

NOMBRES DE TODOS LOS MIEMBROS DEL HOGAR Nombre, inicial del segundo nombre, apellido	(solo para estudiantes)		NÚMERO DE CASO DE SNAP O TANF EXCLUSIVAMENTE	Verificar si se trata de una niño/a de acogida *
	Nombre de la escuela	Grado		
				<input type="checkbox"/>
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* Un/a niño/a de acogida es la responsabilidad legal de una agencia de bienestar o un tribunal.

2. Sin hogar, migrante, fugitivo o Head Start (categóricamente elegible)

Sin hogar Migrante Fugado Head Start

Firma del enlace con personas sin hogar, coordinador de migrantes o director de Head Start de su escuela

Fecha

3. Ingreso bruto total del hogar (antes de deducciones) Debe decirnos cuánto y con qué frecuencia.

A. (INCLUYA TODOS LOS NOMBRES DE MIEMBROS DEL HOGAR CON INGRESOS)	INGRESO BRUTO Y CON QUÉ FRECUENCIA SE RECIBIÓ (Ejemplo: \$100/mes, \$100/dos veces al mes, \$100/quincena, \$100/semana)							
	B. Ingresos del trabajo (Antes de deducciones)		C. Bienestar, manutención infantil, pensión alimenticia		D. Pensiones, jubilación, seguridad social		E. Indemnización por accidente de trabajo, desempleo, SSI, etc. (Todos los demás ingresos)	
	Monto	¿Con qué frecuencia?	Monto	¿Con qué frecuencia?	Monto	¿Con qué frecuencia?	Monto	¿Con qué frecuencia?
i.	\$						\$	
ii.	\$						\$	
iii.	\$						\$	
iv.	\$						\$	
v.	\$						\$	

4. Firma y Número del Seguro Social (un adulto debe firmar)

Un adulto miembro del hogar debe firmar la solicitud. Si se completa la Parte 3, el adulto que firme el formulario también debe indicar los últimos cuatro dígitos de su Número del Seguro Social o marcar la casilla "No tengo un Número del Seguro Social".

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Número del seguro social

No tengo un Número del Seguro Social.

Certifico (prometo) que toda la información en esta solicitud es verdadera y todos los ingresos han sido declarados. Entiendo que la escuela recibirá fondos federales basados en la información que proporcione. Entiendo que los funcionarios de la escuela pueden verificar (constatar) la información. Entiendo que si proporciono información falsa a propósito, mis hijos pueden perder beneficios de comida y yo puedo ser procesado.

Fecha

Nombre en letra de imprenta del miembro adulto del hogar

Firma del miembro adulto del hogar

5. Información de contacto (Opcional)

Número de teléfono laboral (Incluir código de área)

Número de teléfono particular (Incluir código de área)

Domicilio (número, calle, ciudad, estado, código postal)

6. Identidades Raciales y Étnicas de los Niños (Opcional)

Marque una identidad étnica:

- Hispano/Latino
- No es hispano / latino

Marque una o más identidades raciales:

- Asiático
- Negro o afroamericano
- Blanco
- Indígena americano o nativo de Alaska

Nativo de Hawái u otras islas del Pacífico

- LAS SIGUIENTES SECCIONES SON PARA USO EXCLUSIVO DE LA ESCUELA -

DETERMINACIÓN INICIAL

INGRESO TOTAL \$ _____ Por: Semana Quincena Dos veces al mes mes Año MIEMBROS DE LA FAMILIA: _____ CAMBIO EN LA SITUACIÓN: _____ Fecha _____

Las LEA sólo deben anualizar los ingresos cuando se declaren ingresos múltiples, con frecuencias variables.

Conversión de ingresos anuales Semanal X 52 Quincenal X 26 Dos veces al mes X 24 Mensual X 12

Gratis por:

- sin hogar
- migrante
- fugado
- Head Start

- SNAP o TANF
- niño/a de acogida
- ingresos del hogar

Reducido por:

- ingresos del hogar

Rechazada--razón:

- ingreso demasiado alto
- solicitud incompleta
- SNAP/TANF que no cumple los requisitos

Fecha del reliro: _____

Firma del funcionario que toma la decisión _____

Fecha: _____