



# Lucas Local Schools

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## Frequently Asked Questions About Free and Reduced-Price School Meals

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. The Lucas Local School offers healthy meals each school day. Breakfast costs \$1.50 and lunch costs \$2.60 or 2.85. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals.** Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits and detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. **Who can receive free or reduced-price meals?** All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Ohio Works First (OWF); **foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court; children participating in their school's Head Start program; and** children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. Also, your children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is within the federal income eligibility guidelines limits.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$454
2	31,894	2,658	614
3	40,182	3,349	773
4	48,470	4,040	933
5	56,758	4,730	1,092
6	65,046	5,421	1,251
7	73,334	6,112	1,411
8	81,622	6,802	1,570
Each additional person:	8,288	691	160

2. **How do I know if my children qualify as homeless, migrant or runaway?** If members of your household lack a permanent address; are staying together in a shelter, hotel or other temporary housing arrangement; relocate on a seasonal basis or; children live with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household then the children may qualify as homeless, migrant or runaway. If you have not been told your children will receive free meals, please call or email Lucas Schools @419-892-2338 (ext 21108) or [sgambellone.nancy@lucascubs.org](mailto:sgambellone.nancy@lucascubs.org) **to see if they qualify.**
3. **Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Use one free and reduced-price school meal application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete. Please submit all required information. **Return the completed application to Lucas Cafeteria, 84 Lucas North Rd., Lucas, Ohio 44843. Phone: 419-892-2338 ext. 21108.**
4. **Should I complete an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are approved already for free meals?** No, but please read the letter carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from the eligibility notification, contact Nancy Sgambellone @ 84 Lucas North Rd., Lucas, Ohio 44843 or 419-892-2338 ext. 21108 or [sgambellone.nancy@lucascubs.org](mailto:sgambellone.nancy@lucascubs.org) immediately.
5. **Can I apply online?** Yes. If possible, you are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application. The online application requirements are the same and will request the same information as the paper application. Visit [www.lucascubs.org](http://www.lucascubs.org) to begin or to learn more about the online application process. You will still need to email the application in or print off and turn in to the food service department. Contact Nancy Sgambellone @ 84 Lucas North Rd., Lucas, Ohio 44843 or 419-892-2338 ext 21108 or [sgambellone.nancy@lucascubs.org](mailto:sgambellone.nancy@lucascubs.org) **with any questions about the online application.**