



Lucas Local Schools

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. The Lucas Local School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.50; Lunch cost \$2.60 or 2.85. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.** Reduced price is \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of 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 limits on the federal income eligibility guidelines.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$23,107	\$1,926	\$445
2	31,284	2,607	602
3	39,461	3,289	759
4	47,638	3,970	917
5	55,815	4,652	1,074
6	63,992	5,333	1,231
7	72,169	6,015	1,388
8	80,346	6,696	1,546
Each additional person:	8,177	682	158

- 2. How do I know if my children qualify as homeless, migrant or runaway?** If members of your household lack a permanent address; are you 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 e-mail Lucas Schools @419-892-2338 (ext 21108) or sgambellone.nancy@lucascubs.org
- 3. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Use one free and reduced price school meals 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 immediately.
- 5. Can I apply online?** Yes, You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if possible. The online application has the same requirements and will request the same information as the paper application. Visit www.lucascubs.org to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact Nancy Sgambellone @ 84 Lucas North Rd., Lucas, Ohio 44843 or 419-892-2338 ext 21108 or sgambellone.nancy@lucascubs.org with any questions about the online application.
- 6. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to complete another application?** Yes. Your child's application is valid for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You are required to submit a new application unless the school notified you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- 7. I receive WIC benefits. Can my child(ren) get free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please submit a completed application.
- 8. Will the information I give be checked?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof.