

**WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM  
FREE AND REDUCED MEAL BENEFIT APPLICATION  
2010-2011**

**Questions? 856-2920**

**Wake County Schools serves meals every school day. Students are offered a variety of student-appealing menu choices at breakfast and at lunch. School meals meet patterns established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. However, if your child has been determined by a doctor to be disabled and the disability would prevent your child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make any substitutions prescribed by your doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please contact Child Nutrition Services for further information.**

*Students may buy lunch for \$2.00 (K-5), and \$2.25 (6-12). Breakfast is priced at \$1.00 (K-5), \$1.25(6-12)*

Children from families whose total income is LESS THAN 130% of poverty, based on the size of your household may receive free meals or is between 131% and 185% of the poverty level for your household size may reduced price meals. Reduced price meals are \$.40 at lunch and \$.30 at breakfast.

To apply for Free and Reduced Priced meals, please fill out this application, sign it and return it to the school or to Child Nutrition Services at 1551 Rock Quarry Road, Raleigh, NC 27610. **Please answer all questions on the form. Send only one application per Household.**

**VERIFICATION:** Your household may be checked at any time during the school year by school officials. You may be asked to send information to prove that your child should get Free or Reduced Priced meals.

**REAPPLICATION:** You may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a decrease in household income, become unemployed, have an increase in family size, or receives benefits from the Food and Nutrition Services or gets TANF fill out an application at that time. Applications are available in all Wake County Schools.

**FOSTER CHILDREN:** Foster children living with you may be eligible for benefits. Please list each foster child on a separate application.

**NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT: THIS EXPLAINS WHAT TO DO IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN TREATED UNFAIRLY.** "In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to *USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20250-9410* or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

**FAIR HEARING:** If you do not agree with the decision on your application or the result of verification, you may wish to discuss it with a school official. You also have the right to a fair hearing. You may do this by writing or calling:

**Child Nutrition Department, 1551 Rock Quarry Road, Raleigh, NC 27610, (919) 856-2918**

**NOTIFICATION:** You will be notified by mail when the application is approved or denied. It may take ten working days to process your application. A child who is determined eligible for free or reduced-price meals will remain eligible for the entire school year and the first thirty days of the next school year, unless a redetermination is made through the verification process.

**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: THIS EXPLAINS HOW WE WILL USE THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE US.**

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Food and Nutrition Services (FNS, formerly Food Stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We **MAY** share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.