

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Apply on line at schoolcafe.com!

2019-20 school year

White Settlement ISD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.30** for all grades. Lunch costs **\$2.40** for High School and **\$2.30** for Middle, Intermediate, and Elementary campuses. Your child(ren) may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is **\$0.30** for breakfast and **\$0.40** for lunch. Go to brewerbearcafe.com for more information. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. Who can get free or reduced price meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from SNAP, FDPIR, or TANF, are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court order are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Income Eligibility Reduced-Price Guidelines—July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020					
Family Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$23,107	\$1,926	\$963	\$889	\$445
2	\$31,284	\$2,607	\$1,304	\$1,204	\$602
3	\$39,461	\$3,289	\$1,645	\$1,518	\$759
4	\$47,638	\$3,970	\$1,985	\$1,833	\$917
5	\$55,815	\$4,652	\$2,326	\$2,147	\$1,074
6	\$63,992	\$5,333	\$2,667	\$2,462	\$1,231
7	\$72,169	\$6,015	\$3,008	\$2,776	\$1,388
8	\$80,346	\$6,696	\$3,348	\$3,091	\$1,546
For each additional family member add:					
	\$8,177	\$682	\$341	\$315	\$158

2. **How do I know if my child(ren) 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 call or e-mail **Hannah Hughes** at: hhughes@wsisd.net or call **817-367-1200 ext 4209**.
3. **Do I need to complete an application for each child?** No. Complete one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application online for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information.
4. **Should I complete an application if I received a letter for the 2019-20 school year saying my children are already approved for free meals?** No, but please read the letter you received carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact the Child Nutrition Office 817-367-1310 or Kathy Huey at khuey@wsisd.net immediately.
5. **How to apply online?** Visit brewerbearcafe.com, click on the "Schoolcafe" logo to begin or click on the Free Meals tab to learn more about the online application process. Contact **Yuri Carrasco** at ycarrasco@wsisd.net or call **817-367-1310** if you have any questions about the online application.
6. **My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to complete a new one?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few weeks of this school year, through **October 1, 2019**. You must complete a new application unless the Child Nutrition Office notified you that your child is eligible for the **new** school year. If your application has not been approved or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free or reduced meals by **October 1, 2019**, then your child will be charged the full price for meals.
7. **I get WIC. Can my children get free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please complete an application online.
8. **Will the information I give be checked?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
9. **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.
10. **What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to the Child Nutrition Director, Kathy Huey at 817-367-1310. You may also ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Mr. David Bitters, Assist. Superintendent Finance and Operations, 817-367-1305 ext 5316, 401 S. Cherry Lane, White Settlement, TX 76108.
11. **May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.
12. **What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1,000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1,000 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.
13. **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.
14. **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.
15. **My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?** To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **211** for information.

If you have other questions or need help, call **817-367-1310** or email **Kathy Huey**, khuey@wsisd.net.

Benefits will start once your application is approved by the Child Nutrition Office.

Sincerely,

Kathy Huey, RD MBA
Director of Child Nutrition
White Settlement ISD