

NOTE: You are responsible for payment of meals until your application is approved

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Volusia County Schools under the jurisdiction of the county school board participate in the National School Lunch Program. Some schools offer after school snacks at no cost. Check with your child(ren)'s school. This school year breakfast is complimentary for all Volusia County Schools, with the exception of a few Charter Schools. Full priced lunch costs \$2.00 in elementary and middle schools, \$2.25 in high schools. Reduced price for lunch is \$.40. Eligibility determinations are valid for the entire school year.

1. Use one application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an incomplete application. Return the completed application to the elementary school your child(ren) attends. If you do not have a child (ren) in elementary school return the application to the middle or high school that your child attends. If you have more children than what is available to list on the application, you will need to contact Amanda Andrews, School Way Café, Deland, 386-734-7190 ext. 50832, Daytona Beach 386-255-6475 ext. 50832, New Smyrna 386-427-5223 ext. 50832.
2. All children in households receiving * SNAP or TANF can receive free meals regardless of income. Also, if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines; your children can receive free meals.
3. Foster child(ren) is eligible for free meals regardless of income or income of household. Foster child(ren) may be included as household member on the application of foster family. If foster family is not eligible foster child(ren) is still free.
4. Homeless, runaway and migrant children: If you have not been informed that your child(ren) qualify under these conditions, please contact the homeless liaison (Pam Woods (386) 734-7190) or migrant contact (Jennipher Nieves (386) 734-7190).
5. Your children can receive low cost meals if your household income is within the REDUCED PRICE limits on the Federal Chart shown on this application.
6. If you received a letter this school year saying your children are approved for free meals, please read the letter and follow the instructions.
7. This application is only good for this school year and for the first few days of the new school year. You must send in a new application unless the school informed you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please complete an application.
9. We may ask you to send written proof of the information submitted on the application at any time during the school year.
10. You may apply at any time during the school year if your circumstances change.
11. If you become unemployed your child(ren) may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.
12. If you do not agree with the decision you may request a hearing. Speak with Amanda Andrews, School Way Café, Deland, 386-734-7190 ext. 50832, Daytona Beach 386-255-6475 ext. 50832, New Smyrna 386-427-5223 ext. 50832. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Joan Young, Director, School Way Café, School District of Volusia County, 3750 Olson Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida 32124, Deland 386-734-7190 ,ext. 50836, Daytona Beach 386-255-6475 ext. 50836, New Smyrna 386-427-5223 ext. 50836.
13. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
14. You must include all persons 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 who live with you.
15. If your income is not always the same, list the income amount that you normally earn. For example, if you normally earn \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only earned \$900, report your income as \$1000 per month. If you normally work overtime, include it in the income amount. If you only work overtime occasionally, do not include it. If you lost your job or had hours/wages reduced, use current income.
16. If you are in the military and you get an off base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
17. My spouse is deployed to a combat zone, is his/her combat pay counted as income? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to basic pay because of deployment and it wasn't received before he/she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income.
18. To find out how to apply for SNAP (food stamps) or other assistance call 1-866-762-2237.

If you have any questions call Amanda Andrews: Deland, 386-734-7190 ext. 50832 Daytona Beach 386-255-6475 ext. 50832, New Smyrna 386-427-5223 ext. 50832.

Sincerely,

James T. Russell, Superintendent
Volusia County Schools

Joan W. Young, Director
School Way Café

Parents, School Way Café is hiring. Please visit www.myvolusiaschools.org to view employment opportunities.

Parents, if your family qualifies for the free or reduced lunch program you may qualify for a "Step Up for Students" scholarship. To find out more go to www.StepUpForStudents.org/family. For additional information, email info@sufs.org or call 877-735-7837.

Your children may qualify for free or low cost Health Insurance. For information contact Theresa Watson at (386)734-7190, ext. 20516, or apply here for Florida KidCare on line, <https://www.healthykids.org/>

FEDERAL REDUCED INCOME CHART 2016-2017					
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BI-WEEKLY	WEEKLY
1	22,311	1,860	930	859	430
2	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
3	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727
4	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
5	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024

FEDERAL REDUCED INCOME CHART 2016-2017					
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BI-WEEKLY	WEEKLY
6	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
7	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
8	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471
for each add'l family member add	+7,733	+645	+323	+298	+149

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