

2018-2019 PUBLIC MEDIA RELEASE

Anderson School District's 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

Household Size and Income Guidelines for Free Meals or Reduced Price Meals Effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Household size	(1) Free meals – 130%					(2) Reduced price meals – 185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1.....	15,782	1,316	658	607	304	22,459	1,872	936	864	432
2.....	21,398	1,784	892	823	412	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3.....	27,014	2,252	1,126	1,039	520	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4.....	32,630	2,720	1,360	1,255	628	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5.....	38,246	3,188	1,594	1,471	736	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6.....	43,862	3,656	1,828	1,687	844	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7.....	49,478	4,124	2,062	1,903	952	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8.....	55,094	4,592	2,296	2,119	1,060	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
For each additional family member, add	5,616	468	234	216	108	7,992	666	333	308	154

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

For school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information on the application: (1) A SNAP or TANF case number certifying the household is currently eligible for either of these assistance programs and an adult household member signature or (2) names of all household members, the name and last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member signing the application form, current income by source for each household member and a signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Foster children may also be eligible for these benefits regardless of household income. If a household has foster children living with them and the household has not previously been notified by the School District that their foster children have been directly certified for free meals, the household should include and count the foster children (including personal income earned by the foster children) on the household application form with other non-foster children.

Under the provisions of the policy, each district will review applications and determine eligibility. Please see your district reviewing official below. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the reviewing official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewer on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing or for a hearing to appeal the decision. The hearing procedures are outlined in the policy.

Reviewing Official:

- District 1 – Jeff Dopkins 847-7433
- District 2 - Pam McDowell 369-7364 or email [pmcdowell@asd2.org](mailto:pmcowell@asd2.org)
- District 3 - Robin Horne 348-6196 or email horner@acsd3.org
- District 4 - Vikki Mullinax 403-2062 or email vmullinax@anderson4.org
- District 5 - William Richey 260-5000 or email williamrichey@anderson5.net

Hearing Official:

- District 1- Robbie Binnicker 847-7344 or mail 801 North Hamilton Street, Williamston, SC 29697
- District 2 - Dr. Richard Rosenberger 369-7364 or mail 10990 Belton Honea Path Hwy, Honea Path SC, 29654
- District 3 - Kathy Hipp 348-6196 or mail PO Box 118, Iva, SC 29655
- District 4 - Dr. Joanne Avery 403-2000 or mail P.O. Box 545, Pendleton, SC 29670
- District 5 - Wess Grant 260-5000 or mail 400 Peraman Dairy Road PO Box 439, Anderson, SC 29622

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes, the household should contact the school to file a meal application. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for free or reduced price meals if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the office of the District Superintendent where any interested party may review it.

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