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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School Nutrition Supervisors

Single Unit and Special School Administrators

**FROM:** Aimee F. Beam, MS, RD

**Director, Nutrition Programs** 

RE: SY 2024-2025 Operational Memo #30 - Income Eligibility Guidelines for SY25-26

On March 13, 2025, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its annual notice adjusting the Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Priced Meals. The annual adjustment of the guidelines will be <u>effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.</u>

The annual adjustments are required by Section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. The guidelines are intended to direct benefits to those children most in need and are revised annually to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us at 302-857-3356.

Attachment: Income Eligibility Guidelines 2025-2026

cc: Nutrition Team



## **INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS**

Effective Date: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

These are the income scales used by Child Nutrition Programs to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price meals.

Free Meals – 130%					Reduced Meals – 185%				
Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every two weeks	Weekly
\$20,345	\$1,696	\$848	\$783	\$392	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$1,207	\$1,114	\$557
\$27,495	\$2,292	\$1,146	\$1,058	\$529	\$39,128	\$3,261	\$1,631	\$1,505	\$753
\$34,645	\$2,888	\$1,444	\$1,333	\$667	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$2,055	\$1,897	\$949
\$41,795	\$3,483	\$1,742	\$1,608	\$804	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$2,479	\$2,288	\$1,144
\$48,945	\$4,079	\$2,040	\$1,883	\$942	\$69,653	\$5,805	\$2,903	\$2,679	\$1,340
\$56,095	\$4,675	\$2,338	\$2,158	\$1,079	\$79,828	\$6,653	\$3,327	\$3,071	\$1,536
\$63,245	\$5,271	\$2,636	\$2,433	\$1,217	\$90,003	\$7,501	\$3,751	\$3,462	\$1,731
\$70,395	\$5,867	\$2,934	\$2,708	\$1,354	\$100,178	\$8,349	\$4,175	\$3,853	\$1,927
\$7,150	\$596	\$298	\$275	\$138	\$10,175	\$848	\$424	\$392	\$196
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