

What You Need to Know About Free and Reduced Price Meals

- *The National School Lunch Program, as administered by Douglas County School District (DCSD) Nutrition Services department, provides free and reduced priced meals for students who fall within the eligibility guidelines.*
- ***Important: a new application must be completed at the beginning of each school year in order for meal benefits to continue***
- *The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 requires the use of one application per family. If you have children in more than one school, complete and submit only one application. Free and reduced application is available online at www.applyforlunch.com and paper applications are available upon request at the DCSD Nutrition Services central office, 2812 North SH 85, Bldg E, Castle Rock, CO 80109.*
- *Eligibility is based on total gross household income. All household income is considered when determining eligibility, including child support, alimony, social security benefits, workers compensation, and net rental income. Any child eligible for free or reduced price lunch is also eligible for free breakfast in schools where breakfast is available. Reduced price lunch is \$0.40.*
- *Eligibility for self-employed businessmen or self-employed farmers is based on the net income.*
- *A foster child is defined as a child living within a household but remains the legal responsibility of the welfare agency or court. If the household where the foster child resides applies for benefits for their non-foster children, then the foster child's personal income is considered when making an eligibility determination. The foster child's income can be from a part-time job or any funds provided to the child for his/her personal use. (It is optional for the household to list foster children residing in their care).*
- *If you are eligible for benefits but have a change in your household income due to a reason such as unemployment, or if there is a change in your family size, please contact the Nutrition Services department. This change may make your children eligible for free or reduced price meals.*

For additional questions, please call Susan Babineau, 303-387-0368 or susan.babineau@dcsdk12.org

Applications for the 2013-14 school year will not be available until mid-July. Please check back for updates!