

Qualifying for Free and Reduced Price Meals

Students may be qualified to receive free or reduced price meals either through **Direct Certification** or through a **Meal Application**.

Direct Certification

Students may be authorized to receive free meals based upon:

- a. Recipient of Food Stamps or CalWORKs benefits as certified by Department of Social Services.
- b. Homeless – as certified by SLCUSD Family Resource Coordinator
- c. Migrant Education – as certified by SLCUSD Migrant Education Program.

Meal Application

Eligibility is based upon income versus number of people in the household, in accordance with guidelines set by the federal government. Please submit only one application per household – even if you have children at different schools in the school district.

Note: Meal eligibility must be renewed each school year. At the beginning of each school year, there is a 30 day grace period for returning students to renew their eligibility from the previous school year.



Tips for Applying for Meal Benefits

- Submit only 1 application per household, even if there are students at different district schools.
- Show every member of the household on the application, including preschoolers and unemployed adults.
- Show the income for every adult in the household. If the adult has no income, indicate “0” for income.
- Applications must show a social security number or an indication that there is none.

School Buses

Students who are approved for free or reduced price meals, may use that eligibility to qualify for free or reduced price transportation. Families approved for meal benefits are sent a notification letter from Food Services. This letter may be shared with the Transportation Department in order to qualify for bussing. Confidentiality laws prevent Food Services from sharing the information directly with Transportation. Need another copy of the letter? Call the Food Service Office at 596-4064.