

**LETTER TO HOUSEHOLDS ABOUT THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM
AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Lassen View Elementary School District takes part in the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Programs. Meals are served every school day at participating schools.

As part of the California Universal Meals program, all Lassen View Students will receive a breakfast and lunch at no charge

Lassen View Elementary is required to collect income information for our federal reporting. The percentage of free and reduced students helps with funding for our school. Please complete this application, even if you feel you do not qualify, to help us maximize our potential funding.

- If you now receive CalFresh, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits, your child may receive free meals. (See “HOW TO APPLY – CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR” below.)
- If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the income scale below, your child may receive meals free or at a reduced price. Household means a group of related or non-related individuals who are living as one economic unit and sharing living expenses. Living expenses include rent, clothes, food, doctor bills, and utility bills.
- A foster care child whose care and placement is the responsibility of the State or who is placed by the court with a caretaker household is eligible. (See “HOW TO APPLY – FOSTER CARE” below.)

HOW TO APPLY

Complete and sign the attached **Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals or Free Milk**, and return it to the school as soon as possible. The application cannot be approved and may be returned if it contains incomplete eligibility information.

CalFresh, CalWORKs, and FDPIR HOUSEHOLDS — If you now get CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR benefits for your child(ren), list each child's name, and your CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR case number. **AN ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER MUST SIGN THE APPLICATION.**

FOSTER CARE CHILDREN or CHILDREN PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE — List Foster Care Children or Children Placed in Out-Of-Home Care on application making sure to write “YES” in the Foster Child box for each child **who is the legal responsibility of the welfare agency or is a ward of the court. The foster parent or agency official must sign the application.**

ALL OTHER INCOME HOUSEHOLDS (wages, salary, pensions, etc.) — If you **do not** enter a CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR case number for **each** student listed on the application, you must enter (go to next column):

- The names of all school-age children in your household and the school(s) they attend including foster children
- The names of all other children in your household who do not attend school
- The names of all adults and other household members, the amount each person received last month, and the source of income
- The last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or indicate “NONE” if the adult does not have a Social Security number

An application must be completed, with all household members and incomes listed, for a child who is living with relatives or friends, whether or not the child is a ward of the court. An adult household member must sign the application.

In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD). The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

CURRENT INCOME—The amount of income each household member received **last month**, before taxes or anything else is taken out, **and** where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions, and other income. If any amount **last month** was more or less than usual, write the usual monthly income or project the annual income. To calculate monthly income: Weekly x 4.33; every two weeks x 2.15; twice a month x 2.

INCOME TO REPORT			
EARNINGS FROM WORK	WELFARE CHILD SUPPORT ALIMONY	PENSIONS RETIREMENT SOCIAL SECURITY	OTHER INCOME
Wages, salaries and tips, strike benefits, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, net income from self-owned business or farm	Public assistance payments, welfare payments, alimony, and child support payments	Pensions, supplemental security income, retirement payments, Social Security Income (SSI) (including SSI a child receives)	Disability benefits; cash withdrawn from savings; interest and dividends; income from estates, trusts, and investments; regular contributions from persons not living in the household; net royalties and annuities; net rental income; any other income

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) — Households participating in the

FDPIR are categorically eligible for free meals or milk. The FDPIR is authorized by Section 4(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977. Under this section, eligible households may elect to participate in either the CalFresh Program **or** the FDPIR. Since households are afforded the option to participate in either program, FDPIR households have been determined to receive the same categorical benefits as CalFresh households.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER — The application must have the last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult who signs it. If the adult does not have a Social Security number, write "**NONE**" to show that the adult does not have a Social Security number. If a CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR case number for the child is listed, or if the application is for a foster child, a Social Security number is **not** required.

APPLYING FOR BENEFITS — You may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but your income goes down, you lose your job, your family size becomes larger, or you become eligible for CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR benefits, you may submit an application at that time.

VERIFICATION — School officials may check the information on the application at any time during the school year. You may be asked to send information to prove your income, or current eligibility for CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR benefits. Refer to the application for more detailed explanation.

MEALS FOR DISABLED — If you believe your child needs a food substitute or texture modification because of a disability, please contact the school. A child with a disability is entitled to a special meal at no extra charge if the disability prevents the child from eating the regular school meal.

WIC PARTICIPANTS — If you currently receive benefits under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children—better known as the WIC Program—your child **may** be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. You are encouraged to complete an application and return it to the school for processing.

NONDISCRIMINATION — Children who receive free or reduced-priced meals must be treated in the same manner as those children who pay full price for their meals.

FAIR HEARING — If you do not agree with the school's decision regarding your application or the result of verification, you may discuss it with the school. You also have the right to a fair hearing. A fair hearing may be requested by calling or writing the following school official:

NAME: Mr. Gerard Walker, Superintendent

ADDRESS: 10818 Highway 99E, Los Molinos, CA 96055

TELEPHONE: (530) 527-5162

CONFIDENTIALITY — Family size, household income, and Social Security number information will remain confidential and will not be shared for any purpose. Information you provide will determine your child(ren)'s eligibility to receive free or reduced-price meals.

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing the application, please contact:

NAME: Cari Miller, District Secretary

ADDRESS: 10818 Highway 99E, Los Molinos, CA 96055

TELEPHONE: (530) 527-5162

You will be notified by the school when your application has been approved or denied for free or reduced-price meals.

Income Eligibility Guidelines

Reduced-price Meals Eligibility Scale

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 25,142	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,048	\$ 967	\$ 484
2	\$ 33,874	\$ 2,823	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,303	\$ 652
3	\$ 42,606	\$ 3,551	\$ 1,776	\$ 1,639	\$ 820
4	\$ 51,338	\$ 4,279	\$ 2,140	\$ 1,975	\$ 988
5	\$ 60,070	\$ 5,006	\$ 2,503	\$ 2,311	\$ 1,156
6	\$ 68,802	\$ 5,734	\$ 2,867	\$ 2,647	\$ 1,324
7	\$ 77,534	\$ 6,462	\$ 3,231	\$ 2,983	\$ 1,492
8	\$ 86,266	\$ 7,189	\$ 3,595	\$ 3,318	\$ 1,659
For each additional family member, add:	\$ 8,732	\$ 728	\$ 364	\$ 336	\$ 168

Free Meals Eligibility Scale

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 17,667	\$ 1,473	\$ 737	\$ 680	\$ 340
2	\$ 23,803	\$ 1,984	\$ 992	\$ 916	\$ 458
3	\$ 29,939	\$ 2,495	\$ 1,248	\$ 1,152	\$ 576
4	\$ 36,075	\$ 3,007	\$ 1,504	\$ 1,388	\$ 694
5	\$ 42,211	\$ 3,518	\$ 1,759	\$ 1,624	\$ 812
6	\$ 48,347	\$ 4,029	\$ 2,015	\$ 1,860	\$ 930
7	\$ 54,483	\$ 4,541	\$ 2,271	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,048
8	\$ 60,619	\$ 5,052	\$ 2,526	\$ 2,332	\$ 1,166
For each additional family member, add:	\$ 6,136	\$ 512	\$ 256	\$ 236	\$ 118