

SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY HAS CHANGED. HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.

In our mission to work towards a hunger-free Oregon, we have worked with state agencies and officials to expand school meals statewide; previously 37% of food insecure students were ineligible for free school meals. To find more information on the school meal policies that passed within the Student Success Act, please visit <https://oregonhunger.org/hunger-free-schools/>.

In 2019, the Oregon Legislature passed a law **drastically increasing the number of families who qualify for free and reduced price school meals** in Oregon, giving families the extra support they need for their student's success.

Which means, your family may now be eligible for free school meals, even if you didn't previously qualify! Here's what you need to know:

With Oregon's new Expanded Income Guidelines (EIG), **families with incomes up to 300% of the federal poverty level are now eligible for free and reduced-price meals.** Previously, only families that earned up to 185% of the federal poverty level qualified due to the federal income eligibility guidelines.

To see if your family qualifies, please see the Oregon EIG chart below for the 2021-22 School Year. If your household income is at or below the limits on this chart, your child(ren) can receive free school meals through Oregon EIG.

Immigration status is not considered when applying for free school meals. Free school meals is NOT a factor in a public charge test.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
1	38,640	3,220	1,610	1,487	744
2	53,260	4,355	2,178	2,010	1,005
3	65,880	5,490	2,745	2,534	1,267
4	79,500	6,625	3,313	3,058	1,529
5	93,120	7,760	3,880	3,582	1,791
6	106,740	8,895	4,448	4,106	2,053
7	120,360	10,030	5,015	4,630	2,315
8	133,980	11,165	5,583	5,154	2,577
EACH ADD'L HOUSEHOLD MEMBER	13,620	1,135	568	524	262

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for free or reduced price meals, contact your child's school or school district for application information or go to <https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp> to fill out the application in English or Spanish. Paper applications are available from your school district in Chinese, Russian, Somali, Vietnamese, Spanish, and English.

For more information, you may visit the Oregon Department of Education's eligibility page at <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/childnutrition/SNP/Pages/Eligibility.aspx>. There, you will find an online application as well as instructions and additional Oregon EIG information.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? WE CAN HELP YOU FIND ANSWERS!

With new program changes comes lots of new questions, and we're here to help you find answers so your family can thrive.

Please visit <https://oregonhunger.org/free-school-meals/> for more information.

