

# Public Release

## Free and Reduced Price Meals

Mountain Home School District today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children unable to pay the full price for meals served under the **National School Lunch and National School Breakfast Programs**. Each school and the office of the Local School District has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party. The following schools are participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs:

School Name (add rows for additional schools)
Stephensen Elementary School
East Elementary School
North Elementary School
West Elementary School
Hacker Middle School
Mountain Home Junior High School
Mountain Home High School
Bennett Mountain High School

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS - CACFP, NSLP, SBP, SFSP											
INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES											
Effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024											
Free Meals - 130%					Reduced Price Meals - 185%						
ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BI-WEEKLY	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BI-WEEKLY	WEEKLY		
1	18,954	1,580	790	729	365	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519	1
2	25,636	2,137	1,069	986	493	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702	2
3	32,318	2,694	1,347	1,243	622	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885	3
4	39,000	3,250	1,625	1,500	750	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068	4
5	45,682	3,807	1,904	1,757	879	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251	5
6	52,364	4,364	2,182	2,014	1,007	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434	6
7	59,046	4,921	2,461	2,271	1,136	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616	7
8	65,728	5,478	2,739	2,528	1,264	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799	8
9	72,410	6,035	3,018	2,785	1,393	103,045	8,588	4,295	3,964	1,982	9
10	79,092	6,592	3,297	3,042	1,522	112,554	9,381	4,692	4,330	2,165	10
11	85,774	7,149	3,576	3,299	1,651	122,063	10,174	5,089	4,696	2,348	11
12	92,456	7,706	3,855	3,556	1,780	131,572	10,967	5,486	5,062	2,531	12
13	99,138	8,263	4,134	3,813	1,909	141,081	11,760	5,883	5,428	2,714	13
14	105,820	8,820	4,413	4,070	2,038	150,590	12,553	6,280	5,794	2,897	14
15	112,502	9,377	4,692	4,327	2,167	160,099	13,346	6,677	6,160	3,080	15
	<b>6,682</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>9,509</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>183</b>	
<b>A. All applications qualified by income must have:</b>							<b>ANNUAL INCOME COMPUTATION</b>				
1. All household members listed.							Multiply:				
2. Income by household member, source and frequency that income is received (Weekly, Monthly, etc.)							WEEKLY income by 52				
3. The last 4 digits of the SSN of the primary wage earner or adult who signs the application or box checked if they do not have a SSN							EVERY TWO WEEKS income by 26				
4. An adult household member's signature.							TWICE MONTHLY income by 24				
<b>B. All applications qualified by SNAP, TAFI or FDIPIR number must have:</b>							MONTHLY income by 12				
1. Name of the child receiving benefits, a correct benefit number; and											
2. An adult household member's signature.											

Application forms are available to all homes, along with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies of the form are available at each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

Households with any member who is receiving Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho (TAFI) or Food Distribution on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are only required to provide the recipient's name, their food stamp, TAFI or FDPIR case number, the student/s name and an adult signature.

For other applicants, the household must list the names of all household members, all household income with the amount, source and frequency of the income received by each household member. If a household member does not have income, the no income box must be checked. An adult signature is required along with the last 4 digits of the adult's social security number. The signature of the adult household member certifies that the information provided is correct.

You may include all foster children's names on a household application with other non-foster children. Foster children are eligible for school meal benefits. Foster children must be the legal responsibility of the welfare agency or the court.

Students who are homeless, runaway or migrant are also eligible for benefits. Household members do not have to be US citizens for students to qualify for benefits. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Under the provisions of free-and-reduced-price meal policy the Determining Official will review the applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official(s) may wish to discuss the decision with the Determining Official(s) on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to the Hearing Official for a hearing on the decision. Joyce Wright is the Determining Official. Levi Vick, 470 North 3<sup>rd</sup> East Street, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647, (208) 587-2580 is the Hearing Official

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<b>Determining Official(s)</b>	<b>Name, address, and telephone number of Hearing Official</b>
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The school MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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