

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

INCOME CHART (BEFORE DEDUCTIONS)

Effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

REDUCED PRICE MEALS

FREE MEALS

Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly
23,107	1,926	963	889	445	-1-	16,237	1,354	677	625	313
31,284	2,607	1,304	1,204	602	-2-	21,983	1,832	916	846	423
39,461	3,289	1,645	1,518	759	-3-	27,729	2,311	1,156	1,067	534
47,638	3,970	1,985	1,833	917	-4-	33,475	2,790	1,395	1,288	644
55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074	-5-	39,221	3,269	1,635	1,509	755
63,992	5,333	2,667	2,462	1,231	-6-	44,967	3,748	1,874	1,730	865
72,169	6,015	3,008	2,776	1,388	-7-	50,713	4,227	2,114	1,951	976
80,346	6,696	3,348	3,091	1,546	-8-	56,459	4,705	2,353	2,172	1,086
8,177	682	341	315	158	For each additional family member add	5,746	479	240	221	111

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 four (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 3rd East Street, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647, (208) 587-2580, is the Hearing Official.

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.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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