



SY2023/2024 Household Free and Reduced Meal (FARM) Application

Breakfast is free for all students. Please visit our website for the current school lunch price: <https://www.breakthroughmontessori.org/menus>. Our school can provide free afterschool snack/supper. Completing this application may determine eligibility for other benefits. Submit 1 application per household/school year.

Step 1: Determine if you need to complete this application.

If ALL students in your household attend a Community Eligible School (list on pg. 2) you DO NOT need to complete this form. Your students will automatically receive free meals and may be eligible for other benefits. Otherwise, you are encouraged to submit this form, regardless of whether you want to receive free meals.

Step 2: Decide how to submit this application.

Bring this paper form to the school that accepts lunch applications; email forms to operations@breakthroughmontessori.org

Step 3: Tell us about the Parent/Guardian submitting this application.

First Name:	Last Name:	Last 4 SSN:	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not have an SSN	
Email address:			Phone:	
Home Address:	Apt:	City:	State:	ZIP:

Are you enrolled in SNAP or TANF? No Yes, my case number is: _____ I therefore do not need to provide the income information below.

Do you want the students in your household to be considered for free meals? Yes (complete step 4) No, I refuse free meals (write students names only in step 4)

Step 4: Tell us about your student(s) and other household members. Please list ALL members of your household from infants to seniors.

Household Member Full Name	Date of Birth	DCCPS Student?	SY23/24 School	SY 23/24 Grade	Foster Child, Homeless, Migrant, and/or Runaway? <i>Check all that apply. Leave blank if none apply.</i>	\$ Total Gross Income <i>Work Earnings, Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony, Pensions, Retirement, etc.</i>	How Often? <i>Weekly, Bi-Weekly, Bi-Monthly, Monthly, Annually</i>
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I certify that all information on this application is true, and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY		Eligibility Determination	
Total Household Size:	Total Household Income: \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> 2x Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Free	<input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Eligibility
Determining Official's Signature:	Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced
Confirming Official's Signature:	Date: _____		
Verifying Official's Signature:	Date: _____		

Frequently Asked Questions.

How do the students in my household qualify for free lunch? If your household participates in SNAP, TANF, or meets the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines to the right, students in your household can receive free lunch.

Do I have to reapply even if I was approved last year? Yes. An application must be submitted each school year.

How much do full price lunches cost? Please see our website for current school meal prices. <https://www.breakthroughmontessori.org/menus>

If my household income changes during the year, may I reapply for meal benefits? Yes. If the size of your household increases, someone in your household begins receiving state assistance, or if your household income changes, you may reapply.

When will I know if my household's application was accepted or denied? From the date the school receives the application, normal processing is 1-2 weeks. For fastest processing, please submit the online application.

Will the information I give be checked? Yes, Breakthrough Montessori may ask for documentation to verify the information provided on the application at any time during the school year.

Who should I contact if I have questions about the meals program? Please contact Food and Nutrition Services at 202-864-1979 or email us at operations@breakthroughmontessori.org.

Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines 23/24

Household Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Twice Per Month	Bi-Weekly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$1,124	\$1,038	\$519
2	\$36,482	\$3,041	\$1,521	\$1,404	\$702
3	\$45,991	\$3,833	\$1,917	\$1,769	\$885
4	\$55,500	\$4,625	\$2,313	\$2,135	\$1,068
5	\$65,009	\$5,418	\$2,709	\$2,501	\$1,251
6	\$74,518	\$6,210	\$3,105	\$2,867	\$1,434
7	\$84,027	\$7,003	\$3,502	\$3,232	\$1,616
8	\$93,536	\$7,795	\$3,898	\$3,598	\$1,799
Each additional person	+\$9,509	+\$793	+\$397	+\$366	+\$183

Community Eligibility Schools (CEP) – Families in which all students attend CEP schools (listed below) are not required to complete a FARM application. This list is subject to change, visit the webpage for more information and the most up-to-date list of CEP schools. <https://dcps.dc.gov/page/community-eligibility-provision-cep-schools>.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiton Elementary School • Amidon-Bowen Elementary School • Anacostia High School • Ballou High School • Ballou STAY • Bancroft Elementary School • Benjamin Banneker High School • Bard H.S Early College DC • Barnard Elementary School • Beers Elementary School • Boone Elementary School • Brightwood Elementary School • Brookland Middle School • Browne Education Campus • Bruce Monroe Elementary School at Park View • Bunker Hill Elementary School • Burroughs Elementary School • Burrville Elementary School • C. W. Harris Elementary School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitol Hill Montessori School • Cardozo Education Campus • Cleveland Elementary School • Columbia Heights Education Campus • Coolidge High School • Dorothy I Height Elementary School • Drew Elementary School • Duke Ellington School of the Arts • Dunbar High School • Eastern High School • Eliot-Hine Middle School • Excel Academy • Garfield Elementary School • Garrison Elementary School • H. D. Cooke Elementary School • Hart Middle School • Hendley Elementary School • Houston Elementary School • Ida B. Wells Middle School • J. O. Wilson Elementary School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jefferson Middle School Academy • John Lewis Elementary School • Johnson Middle School • Kelly Miller Middle School • Ketcham Elementary School • Kimball Elementary School • Kramer Middle School • Langdon Elementary School • Langley Elementary School • LaSalle-Backus Elementary School • Leckie Education Campus • Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School • Luke Moore Alternative High School • M.L. King Elementary School • MacFarland Middle School • Malcolm X Elementary School • Marie Reed Elementary School • McKinley Technology Middle/High School • Military Road ELC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miner Elementary School • Moten Elementary School • Nalle Elementary School • Noyes Elementary School • Patterson Elementary School • Payne Elementary School • Phelps Architecture Construction and Engineering High School • Plummer Elementary School • Powell Elementary School • Randle Highlands Elementary School • Raymond Elementary School • River Terrace Education Campus • Ron Brown College Preparatory High School • Roosevelt High School • Roosevelt STAY • Savoy Elementary School • School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seaton Elementary School • Simon Elementary School • Smothers Elementary School • Sousa Middle School • Stanton Elementary School • Stevens Early Learning Center • Stuart-Hobson Middle School • Takoma Elementary School • Thomas Elementary School • Thomson Elementary School • Truesdell Elementary School • Tubman Elementary School • Turner Elementary School • Tyler Elementary School • Van Ness Elementary School • Walker-Jones Education Campus • Watkins Elementary • Wheatley Education Campus • Whittier Elementary School • H. D. Woodson High School
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The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced-price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We 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. Foster, migrant, homeless, and runaway children, and children enrolled in a Head Start program are categorically eligible for free meals. If completing an application for these children, contact FNS for information.

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
Program.Intake@usda.gov