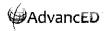


### Haywood County Schools 1230 North Main Street Waynesville, NC 28786 828 456 2400



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

### Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Haywood County Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.25; lunch costs \$2.55 for Pre K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade and \$2.80 for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits with instructions on the application. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

- 1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?
  - All children in households receiving benefits from Food and Nutrition Services (FNS, formerly known as Food Stamps), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Work First Cash Assistance (formerly Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or TANF), are eligible for free meals.
  - Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
  - Children participating in their school's Federally-funded Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
  - · Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
  - Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income
    Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below
    the limits on this chart.

		FEDERAL IN	COME CHART		
	Effective F	or School Year	July 1, 2018-Jui	ne 30, 2019	
Household	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per	Every Two	Weekly
size			Month	Weeks	•
1	22,459	1,872	936	864	432
2	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
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- 2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Aleasa Glance @ 828-456-2400 or aglance@haywood.k12.nc.us.
- 3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Sheila McClure, 5855 Crabtree Rd. Clyde, NC 28721, 828-627-1150 or smcclure@haywood.k12.nc.us.
- 4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Sheila McClure, 5855 Crabtree Rd. Clyde, NC 28721, 828-627-1150 or smcclure@haywood.k12.nc.us.immediately.

- 5. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.
- 7. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
- 8. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials.
  You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Dr. Bill Nolte, 1230 N. Main Street, Waynesville, NC 28786, 828-456-2400 or Nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us
- 10. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.
- 11. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you <u>normally</u> receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- 12. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please check the no income box. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
- 13. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or receive Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
- 14. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact Sheila McClure, 5855 Crabtree Rd. Clyde, NC 28721, 828-627-1150 or smcclure@haywood.k12.nc.us to receive a second application.
- 15. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for Food and Nutrition Services (FNS, formerly Food Stamps) or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call The Careline at 1-800-662-7030.

If you have other questions or need help, call 828-627-1150.

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Alison Francis, Director of School Nutrition

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 is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or 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.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audicitape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.asscr.usda.gov/complaint\_filing\_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter 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; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

# HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free or reduced price school meals. You only need to submit one application per household, even if your children attend more than one school in Haywood County Schools. The application must be filled out completely to certify your children for free or reduced price school meals. Please follow these instructions in order! Each step of the instructions is the same as the steps on your application. If at any time you are not sure what to do next, please contact Haywood County School Nutrition @ 828-627-1150, smcclure@haywood.k12.nc.us.

# PLEASE USE A PEN (NOT A PENCIL) WHEN FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION AND DO YOUR BEST TO PRINT CLEARLY.

# STEP A: UST ALLERONSEHOLD MEMBERS WHO ARE INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND STUDEN SUPTIO AND INCLUBING GRADE 12.

Tell us how many infants, children, and school students live in your household. They do NOT have to be related to you to be a part of your household.

Who should I list here? When filling out this section, please include ALL members in your household who are:

- Children age 18 or under AND are supported with the household's income;
- In your care under a foster arrangement, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth;
- Students attending Haywood County Schools regardless of age.

name: Use one line of the application for each child. If there are more children present than lines on the application, attach a second piece of paper with all required information for the additional children. Is the child a student at not students to indicate the child's role in the 1) list each child's name, Print each child's Student and "O" for Other children that are Haywood County Schools? Circle "s" for household.

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ncome." Only count foster children's income if you are 4) Report all income earned or received by children. Report the combined gross income for ALL children listed in your household in the box marked "Child appiying for them together with the rest of your household.

What is Child Income? Child Income is money received your children. Many households do not have any child from outside your household that is paid DIRECTLY to income.

# STEP B. D. ANY HOUSEFOLD MEMBERS CURRENTILY PARTICIPATE IN FINS, WORK First Cash Assistance/TANE, OR FDPIR?

If anyone in your household (including you) currently participates in one or more of the assistance programs listed below, your children are eligible for free school meals:

- Food and Nutrition Services (FNS formerly Food Stamps).
- Work First Cash Assistance (formerly Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or TANF).
- The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

1) If no one in your household participates in any of the Leave STEP B blank and go to STEP C. above listed programs:

Write a case number for FNS, Work First Cash Assistance/TANF, or FDPR. You only need to provide one case number. If you participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, contact: farryone in your household participates in any of the above listed programs: Haywood County Health and Human Services Department @ 828-452-6620.

Go to STEP E.

# STEP G. REPORT INCOME FOR ALL ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

### How do I report my income?

- Use the charts titled "Sources of Income for Adults" and "Sources of Income for Children," printed on the back side of the application form to determine if your household has income to report.
- Report all amounts in GROSS INCOME ONLY. Report all income in whole dollars. Do not include cents.

- Gross income is the total income received before taxes
- Many people think of income as the amount they "take home" and not the total, "gross" amount. Make sure that the income you report on this application has NOT been reduced to pay for taxes, insurance premiums, or any other amounts taken from your pay. 0 0
- Write a "0" in any fields where there is no income to report. Any income fields left empty or blank will also be counted as a zero. If you write '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials suspect that your household income was reported incorrectly, your application will be investigated.
- Circle how often each type of income is received using the frequency to the right of each field. •

### Who should ! list here?

- When filling out this section, please include ALL adult members in your household who are living with you and share income and expenses, even if they are not related and even if they do not receive income of their own.
- Do NOT include:
- People who live with you but are not supported by your household's income AND do not contribute income to your household.
- Infants, Children and students already listed in STEP A.

### household member in the boxes marked household members you listed in STEP "Names of Adult Household Members 1) Elst adult household members' (First and Last)." Do not list any names. Print the name of each

### money received from working at jobs. If you are income from work in the "Earnings from Work" a self-employed business of farm owner, you Reid on the application. This is usually the 2) Report earnings from work. Report all will report your net income.

### calculated by subtracting the total operating What if I am self-employed? Report income expenses of your business from its gross from that work as a net amount. This is receipts or revenue.

### Assistance/Child Support/Alimony" field on value of any public assistance benefits NOT assistance/child support/alimony. Report from child support or almony, only report regular payments should be reported as <u>listed on the chart.</u> If income is received the application. Do not report the cash court-ordered payments, Informal but all income that applies in the "Public "other" income in the next part. 3) Report income from public

### "Pensions/Retirement/ All Other income" field on the application. pensions/retirement/all other income. Report all income that 4) Report income from applies in the

# STEP D: REPORT HOUSEHOLD TOTAL AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

your household that you have not listed on the application; go back and add them. It is very 1) Report total household size. Enter the total number of household members in the field number of household members listed in STEP A and STEP C. If there are any members of "Total Household Members (Children and Adults)." This number MUST be equal to the Important to list all household members, as the size of your household affects your eligibility for free and reduced price meals.

member must enter the last four digits of their Social Security Number in the space 2) Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number. An adult household eave this space blank and mark the box to the right labeled "I do not have a Social provided. You are eligible to apply for benefits even if you do not have a Social. Security Number. If no adult household members have a Social Security Number, Security Number."

# STEP E ATTESTATION - CONTACTINFORWATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE

All applications must be signed by an adult member of the household. By signing the application, that household member is promising that all information has been truthfully and completely reported. Before completing this section, please also make sure you have read the privacy and civil rights statements on the back of the application.

1) Provide your contact information. Write your current address on the line provided if children ineligible for free or reduced price school meals. Sharing a phone number, email this information is available. If you have no permanent address, this does not make your address, or both is optional, but helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.

name of the adult signing the application and that person signs in the box "Head of 2) Print and sign your name. Print the Household Signature."

provided, write today's date in the box. 3) Write today's date, in the space

STEP F: CHILDREN'S ETHNIC AND RACIAL IDENTITIES (Optional) share children's racial and ethnic identities. We ask you to share information about your children's race and ethnicity. This field is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price school meals. 2018-19 Hawwood County Schools Free and Reduced Price School Meals Household Application

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### Sources of Income

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<ul> <li>Social Security</li> <li>Disability Payments</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits</li> </ul>
-Survivor's Benefits	<ul> <li>A Parent is disabled, retired or deceased and their child receives Social Security benefits</li> </ul>
Income from any other source	<ul> <li>A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity or trust</li> </ul>

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Earning from Work	Public Assistance/Alimony/ Child Support	Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income
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	local government	<ul> <li>Regular income from trusts or</li> </ul>
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i-Weekly = Every two (2) weeks

Monthly = Once per month

Bi-Monthly = Twice per month

**Annually** = Total salary per year

## Please mail this application to:

## Haywood County School Nutiriton

5855 Crabtree Rd.

Clyde, NC 28721

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