

## School Year 2023-2024 Public Media Release for Universal Meals

Nord Country Charter School announces its policy to serve nutritious meals every school day under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Afterschool Snack Program. **Breakfasts and lunches will be served free of charge every school day**, but Nord Country Charter School is still required to make eligibility determinations for free and reduced-price meals. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, children are considered eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income is less than or equal to the federal guidelines.

Income Guidelines for Child Nutrition Programs: July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024*											
Free meals						Reduced-price meals					
Household size	Annual gross income	Monthly gross income	Twice per month	Every two weeks gross income	Weekly gross income	Household Size	Annual gross income	Monthly gross income	Twice per month	Every two weeks gross income	Weekly gross income
1	18,954	1,580	790	729	365	1	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519
2	25,636	2,137	1,069	986	493	2	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702
3	32,318	2,694	1,347	1,243	622	3	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885
4	39,000	3,250	1,625	1,500	750	4	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068
5	45,682	3,807	1,904	1,757	879	5	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251
6	52,364	4,364	2,182	2,014	1,007	6	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434
7	59,046	4,921	2,461	2,271	1,136	7	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616
8	65,728	5,478	2,739	2,528	1,264	8	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799
Each additional family member	+ 6,682	+ 557	+ 279	+ 257	+ 129	Each additional family member	+ 9,509	+ 793	+ 397	+ 366	+ 183

Households do not need to submit a meal application if they receive a notification letter saying that all children automatically qualify for free meals based on participation in CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDIPIR. Children who meet the definition of foster, homeless, migrant, runaway, or are enrolled in a Head Start program are eligible for free meals.

Meal applications will be sent to households with a letter about the school meal program. While breakfasts and lunches will be provided free of charge every school day, determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals is still necessary. Households are encouraged to fill out one application for all children in the household and submit it to the Nord school office. Contact Stephanie Hammons at 530-891-3138 for assistance or questions. The school will provide notification regarding the outcome of your applications.

Households may submit a new application any time during the school year; if the household income goes down or household size goes up, or a household member starts receiving benefits from a qualifying program.

A child's eligibility status from prior school year will continue into the new school year for up to 30 school days or until the school processes a new application, or the child is otherwise certified for free or reduced-price meals. School officials do not have to send reminder or expired eligibility notices.

If a household does not agree with the eligibility decision or results of verification, they may contact school officials to discuss and also have a right to a fair hearing, which may be requested by contacting the hearing official: Kathy Dahlgren at Nord Country Charter School, 530-891-3138.

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