
[EMERY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT]

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Emery School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **[1.70]**; lunch costs **[2.60]**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is **[.30]** for breakfast and **[.40]** for lunch. Extra Milk .50.

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. Application are online: <http://aspire.emeryschools.org>. English and Spanish are available

1. **WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?** All children in households receiving benefits from Utah Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or **Utah Family Employment Program (FEP)** can get free meals regardless of your income No application should be needed. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
2. **CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.
3. **CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Please call or e-mail **[school, homeless liaison or migrant coordinator information]** to see if your children qualify, if you have not been informed that they will receive free meals.
4. **WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.
5. **I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.
6. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
7. **IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year.
8. **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: **[Jeneane Warren 435-687-4905 you may call collect if out of the calling area].**
9. **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
10. **WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people including yourself and children living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
11. **WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. 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. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
13. **MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME?** No, if the combat pay is received in addition to basic pay because of deployment, and it wasn't received before deployment, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
14. **MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** Call 2-1-1, (888) 826-9790 or visit <http://www.211ut.org>.

If you have other questions or need help, call **[435-687-4905]**. *Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: [435-687-4905number]. Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: [435-687-4905].*

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Sincerely,

Jeneane Warren
Food Services Director