

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Edgewood City Schools** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.25**; lunch costs **\$2.50 secondary, \$2.25 elementary**. Your children may qualify for free meals or reduced price meals. Reduced price breakfast **\$0.30** and **\$0.40** for lunch.

- 1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** **NO**. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is incomplete, be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to any Edgewood City School Building.  
**VERY IMPORTANT - FOOD STAMP (or SNAP) # IS YOUR 10-DIGIT CASE # LISTED ON LETTER SENT TO YOU FROM THE COUNTY AGENCY APPROVING YOU FOR FOOD STAMPS (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance).**
- 2. Do I need to apply this school year if I was approved for last school year?** **YES**. All approved applications remain valid for the first 30 school days. Once that time frame expires a child(ren) is **REMOVED** from the free or reduced status unless a new application is submitted and approved.
- 3. Who can get free meals?** Children in households getting Food Stamps or Ohio Works First (OWF) and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. In addition, your children can get free price meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.
- 4. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals?** Please call **Martha Lombard at 513-867-7572** to see if your child(ren) qualify, if you have not been informed that they will get free meals.
- 5. 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 Income Chart, shown on this application.
- 6. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved free or reduced price meals?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 513-867-7433 if you have questions.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.
- 9. If I do not qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps, OWF or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced price meals.
- 10. 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: Jim Patrick 3500 Busenbark Road Trenton, OH 45067.
- 11. 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 a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- 12. Whom should I include as members of my household?** You must include **ALL** people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children who live with you.
- 13. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes.
- 14. We are in the military; do we include our housing allowance as income?** If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, don't include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.
- 15. Why do I have to write down my food stamp number for each child?** We must have proof that each child receives food stamps. This is why you must write a food stamp number down on the application beside the name of each child in the household who receives food stamps.

If you have other questions or need help, call **513-867-7433**. *Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: 513-867-7433*

*Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: 513-867-7433.* Sincerely, **David Jewell Food Service Director Edgewood City Schools**