

PUBLIC RELEASE

Bristol County Agricultural High School is announcing its procedure for determining eligibility of children who may receive free or reduced price meals served under the National School Lunch Program. Breakfast cost \$1.25 and Lunch cost \$2.50 for grades 9 – 12 at BCAHS.

Your child may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. The Reduced price is \$0.40 for lunch and \$0.30 for breakfast.

Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- a. All children in households receiving benefits from MA SNAP or MA TANF are eligible for free meals.
- b. Foster children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- c. Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- d. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- e. 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.

If you have received a NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION from Bristol County Agricultural High School for the 2017-2018 school year, you do not need to complete an application. Please notify the school if any child in the household is not listed on the NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION letter you received.

Bristol County Agricultural High School families who were eligible for free or reduced meals for 2016-2017 school year must submit new applications for their children on or before 30 days, from the start of school, to continue to receive free or reduced meals for the 2017-2018 school year.

Applications are accepted at any time during the school year and will be effective when approved by the Food Service Office. Applications are available on the BCAHS website, BCAHS.com, and are available at the main office. If you would like to request an application be sent to you in the mail, please contact your child's school or call the main office at 508-669-6744, ext. 101.

**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
(Effective July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)**

Number in Family	FREE MEALS (130%)					REDUCED MEALS (185%)					
	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly Gross Income	Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly Gross Income
1	\$15,678	\$1,307	\$654	\$603	\$302	1	\$22,311	\$1,860	\$930	\$859	\$430
2	\$21,112	\$1,760	\$880	\$812	\$406	2	\$30,044	\$2,504	\$1,252	\$1,156	\$578
3	\$26,546	\$2,213	\$1,107	\$1,021	\$511	3	\$37,777	\$3,149	\$1,575	\$1,453	\$727
4	\$31,980	\$2,665	\$1,333	\$1,230	\$615	4	\$45,510	\$3,793	\$1,897	\$1,751	\$876
5	\$37,414	\$3,118	\$1,559	\$1,439	\$720	5	\$53,243	\$4,437	\$2,219	\$2,048	\$1,024
6	\$42,848	\$3,571	\$1,786	\$1,648	\$824	6	\$60,976	\$5,082	\$2,541	\$2,346	\$1,173
7	\$48,282	\$4,024	\$2,012	\$1,857	\$929	7	\$68,709	\$5,726	\$2,863	\$2,643	\$1,322
8	\$53,716	\$4,477	\$2,239	\$2,066	\$1,033	8	\$76,442	\$6,371	\$3,186	\$2,941	\$1,471
Each Add'l Family Member	+\$5,434	+\$453	+\$227	+\$209	+\$105	Each Add'l Family Member	+\$7,733	+\$645	+\$323	+\$298	+\$149

Calculating Household Income

- If there is only one source of income or if all sources are received in the same frequency, no conversion is required.
- If there are multiple income sources with more than one frequency, the LEA must annualize all income by multiplying:
 - Weekly income by 52;
 - Bi-weekly income (received every two weeks) by 26;
 - Semi-monthly income (received twice a month) by 24;
 - Monthly income by 12.
- Do not round the values resulting from each conversion.
- Add all of the un-rounded converted values and compare the un-rounded converted total to the appropriate IEG for annual income for the household size.
- Refer to pages 32-26 in the Eligibility Manual for School Meals for more information.

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