

# Dewey Public Schools

Child Nutrition Office

#1 Bulldogger Road, Dewey, OK 74029-1601

*Vince Vincent, Superintendent*

Ref: 2020-2021 school year LUNCH APPLICATION for FREE or REDUCED-PRICE meals

Dear Dewey Bulldogger Parents/Guardians:

*You are encouraged to complete this application for **ALL** students who qualify according to the chart enclosed. **EVEN** if older students rarely or never eat in the cafeteria/student center. Our school funding is impacted by the number of qualified applicants.*

**You MUST REAPPLY EACH YEAR to receive benefits for your child(ren).**

Meal Prices	Breakfast	Lunch
Reduced	\$0.30	\$0.40
Elementary	\$1.40	\$2.30
Middle	\$1.40	\$2.80
High	\$1.40	\$2.80
Adult	\$1.85	\$3.95

Only (1) one application per household is needed. ***Those that received meal benefits from the previous year are allowed a 30-day grace period into the new school year.*** The grace period will expire on **September 24, 2020**. Should your student's application lapse, they will be charged full price. As the parent/guardian you are responsible for all incurred charges should you not reapply prior to the expiration date.

***If you qualify***, please read all instructions carefully throughout the application and ***provide all required*** information on the application and return it to any of the school's offices as soon as possible. We must have the last 4 digits of your Social Security number to process your application. Any information that is missing will delay the processing.

Thank you for your attention to this process, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Amy Piper*

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

Dear Dewey Bulldogger Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **DEWEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS** offer healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.40**; Elementary lunch costs is **\$2.30**, and the Middle and High School lunch cost is **\$2.80**. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals.** Reduced-price is **\$0.30** for breakfast and **\$0.40** for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits and a set of detailed instructions. 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 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school’s 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.

<b>FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART for School Year: 2021</b>					
Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	23,606	1,968	984	908	454
2	31,894	2,658	1,329	1,227	614
3	40,182	3,349	1,675	1,546	773
4	48,470	4,040	2,020	1,865	933
5	56,758	4,730	2,365	2,183	1,092
6	65,046	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
7	73,334	6,112	3,056	2,821	1,411
8	81,622	6,802	3,401	3,140	1,570
Each additional person:	8,288	691	346	319	160

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 have not been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Dewey Public Schools, JOSH STOWE, (918) 534-2241**.
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: **Dewey Public Schools Child Nutrition Office, #1 Bulldogger Road, Dewey, OK 74029.**
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 **Dewey Schools Child Nutrition Office, #1 Bulldogger Road, Dewey, OK 74029; Phone: (918) 534-2241 Option 5, Email: [childnutrition@deweyk12.org](mailto:childnutrition@deweyk12.org)** immediately.

5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? Yes! You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit <http://www.deweyk12.org> to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact **Dewey Schools Child Nutrition Office, #1 Bulldogger Road, Dewey, OK 74029; Phone: (918) 534-2241 Option 5, Email: [childnutrition@deweyk12.org](mailto:childnutrition@deweyk12.org)** if you have any questions about the online application.
6. 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, through **SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
7. 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.
8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
9. IF I DO NOT 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.
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 call or writing to: **Vince Vincent, Superintendent, Dewey Public Schools, #1 Bulldogger Road, Dewey, OK 74029; Phone: (918) 534-2241**.
11. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A UNITED STATES (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.
12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you *NORMALLY* receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month but you missed some work last month and made only \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it; do not include it if you work overtime only sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
13. 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 write a *0* in the field. 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.
14. 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, 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.
15. WHAT IF THERE IS NOT 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 **Dewey Schools Child Nutrition Office, #1 Bulldogger Road, Dewey, OK 74029; Phone: (918) 534-2241 Option 5, Email: [childnutrition@deweyk12.org](mailto:childnutrition@deweyk12.org)** to receive a second application.
16. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-866-411-1877.

If you have other questions or need help, call **(918) 534-2241, Option 5**.

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