



ELYSIAN FIELDS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Elysian Fields ISD

Elysian Fields ISD Transitions Back to Application Requirement for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals

Back to School and Back to Normal in the Cafeteria

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress authorized spending that allowed schools to serve free meals for all students. Those funds are not authorized to continue for the 2022-2023 school year. As a result, Elysian Fields ISD must return to charging for school meals and offering free and reduced-price meals based on student eligibility. Starting on August 15, 2022 Elysian Fields ISD will begin distributing letters and applications to the households of the children in the district about eligibility benefits. Families are encouraged to complete the Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals and return the completed form online or to any school office.

The application will determine a child's eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and may assist in the determination of eligibility for other state or federal benefits. Only one application needs to be completed per household. Schools will notify the household of the child's eligibility. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) administers school nutrition programs in Texas and offers an eligibility calculator at www.SquareMeals.org/ProgramEligibility.

The dedicated staff at Elysian Fields ISD is looking forward to serving healthy, balanced meals to students in the new school year. These meals offer a good source of nutrition for children.

2022-2023 Student Breakfast Price	
Elementary	\$1.75
Middle School	\$1.75
High School	\$1.75

2022-2023 Student Lunch Price	
Elementary	\$2.50
Middle School	\$2.75
High School	\$2.75



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Criteria for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits

The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits:

Income Eligibility

1. Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels

Categorical or Automatic Eligibility

2. Household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Program Participant Eligibility

3. Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster
4. Child's enrollment in Head Start or Even Start

Income Eligibility

For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must fill out free and reduced-price meal application and return it to Leanne Blackmore, Child Nutrition Director, (903) 633-1514, myblackmore@efisd.org. Those individuals filling out the application will need to provide the following information:

1. Names of all household members
2. Amount, frequency, and source of current income for each household member
3. Last 4 digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or, if the adult does not have a social security number, check the box for "*No Social Security number*"
4. Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct

If you have any questions, please contact Leanne Blackmore, Child Nutrition Director, (903) 633-1514 or myblackmore@efisd.org.

Sincerely,

Leanne Blackmore, Child Nutrition Director