

Belgrade Schools' Public Release ~ Free and Reduced-Price School Meals

Belgrade Public Schools announces the 2018-19 policy for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals for students whose schools participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture **National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program**. The complete policy is on file in the central office and may be reviewed by any interested party.

Households who receive assistance 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 and no application is required. Children who meet the definition of homeless, migrant, runaway, and foster are also eligible for free meals. The school district will send a notice to your household about free meal benefits. If you do not receive a notice of eligibility or there are children living in your household who are not listed, please contact the school district. If you are eligible for unemployment compensation, you might also be eligible for free or reduced price school meals.

Children from households whose income is within the limits of the chart below may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

To apply, households must fill out the application; return the completed application to one of your children's school or the Administration Office located at 312 N. Weaver or mail to PO Box 166, Belgrade, MT 59714.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. Program officials may verify information submitted on the application. Households will be notified of eligibility determination. Households who choose to decline free meal benefits should contact the school district.

Household Size	Free Meals – 130%					Reduced-Price Meals – 185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice a Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice a Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	15,782	1,316	658	607	304	22,459	1,872	936	864	432
2	21,398	1,784	892	823	412	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	27,014	2,252	1,126	1,039	520	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	32,630	2,720	1,360	1,255	628	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	38,246	3,188	1,594	1,471	736	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	43,862	3,656	1,828	1,687	844	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	49,478	4,124	2,062	1,903	952	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	55,094	4,592	2,296	2,119	1,060	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
For each additional family member, add	5,616	468	234	216	108	7,992	666	333	308	154

Households dissatisfied with the ruling of the officials have the right to a fair hearing. This may be done by calling or writing:
 Jay Bates, Hearing Official, PO Box 166, Belgrade, MT 59714/ 406-924-2031/ jbates@bsd44.org

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 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
 1400 Independence Avenue, SW
 Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
- (2) fax: (202) 690=7442
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov

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