



ANDERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41
 10040 COTTONWOOD ROAD
 BOZEMAN, MT 59718

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Anderson School District offers healthy meals every school day. Lunch costs \$3.50 for K-4, \$3.75 for 5-8, and \$4.25 for adults. Breakfast costs \$1.75 for K-4, \$2.00 for 5-8, and \$2.00 for adults. Milk costs \$0.55 per carton. Reduced-price meals are \$0.40 for both breakfast and lunch. **Your child may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals.**

1. Who can get free meals?
 - a. All children in households receiving benefits from **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), Medicaid, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**, can get free meals regardless of their income. You will receive a letter from the district shall this apply to your family.
 - b. Children who meet the definition of **homeless, migrant, runaway, and foster** are eligible for free meals.
 - c. Children are eligible to get free or reduced-price meals if your household's gross income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines - listed in the chart below.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
 (Effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024)

If more than one income is reported, all income should be converted to a yearly figure before a determination is made.

The conversion formula is as follows:

- Monthly x 12
 Twice a Month x 24
 Every Two Weeks x 26
 Weekly x 52

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	\$18,954	\$1,580	\$790	\$729	\$365	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$1,124	\$1,038	\$519
2	\$25,636	\$2,137	\$1,069	\$986	\$493	\$36,482	\$3,041	\$1,521	\$1,404	\$702
3	\$32,318	\$2,694	\$1,347	\$1,243	\$622	\$45,991	\$3,833	\$1,917	\$1,769	\$885
4	\$39,000	\$3,250	\$1,625	\$1,500	\$750	\$55,500	\$4,625	\$2,313	\$2,135	\$1,068
5	\$45,682	\$3,807	\$1,904	\$1,757	\$879	\$65,009	\$5,418	\$2,709	\$2,501	\$1,251
6	\$52,364	\$4,364	\$2,182	\$2,014	\$1,007	\$74,518	\$6,210	\$3,105	\$2,867	\$1,434
7	\$59,046	\$4,921	\$2,461	\$2,271	\$1,136	\$84,027	\$7,003	\$3,502	\$3,232	\$1,616
8	\$65,728	\$5,478	\$2,739	\$2,528	\$1,264	\$93,536	\$7,795	\$3,898	\$3,598	\$1,799
For each additional family member, add	\$6,682	\$557	\$279	\$257	\$129	\$9,509	\$793	\$397	\$366	\$183

2. 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.

3. 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 the online application at <https://linqconnect.com> or at the school's front office for a paper copy.

4. My child's application was approved last year - do I need to do another one?
Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and the first few days of this school year. 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 or reduced-price meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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 only made \$900, put down that you make \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes.

If you have any further questions, please contact the school at **406-587-1305** or email **schooloffice@andersonmt.org**

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3. email:

Program.Intake@usda.gov