

Applying for free or reduced meals

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The nationwide waiver allowing all students to eat free school meals has expired. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) made it possible for school nutrition programs to serve all students free breakfast and lunch through "waivers."

Although Congress did not extend these waivers for the upcoming school year, public schools can apply for free or reduced lunch or breakfast. For 2022-2023, across the country students must qualify for free or reduced lunch based on household income eligibility. Only one application per household is needed.



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If a letter was received from the school referring to automatic approval (directly certified) of free meals for the 2022-2023 school year because someone in the household participates in a federal or state assistance program such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), submission of an application is not necessary.

RCSD suggests the following to make the application process fast and easy:

- For participation in a federal or state assistance program such as SNAP, TANF or FDPIR, a case number is required (not the card or account number).

- If a family does not participate in any of the above assistance programs, the family will need to report the total household income as following:
 - If a family member in the household has a job, then reference the earnings statement or pay stubs to report the gross income, which is different than the amount actually received in a paycheck.
 - If a family member receives Social Security or retirement benefits, then gather the benefit statements to report the amount and frequency of the payments.
 - It may also be necessary to reference other financial documents for additional sources of income.

There is a Help link available if a family is unsure of everything they will need to apply. While applying for the program, the Help link is located on the Income section which contains detailed instructions and explanations about the sources of income a household must include. Additional information may be gathered at this time.

To apply online, visit RCSD's School Lunch App at <https://zcu.io/WWwd>. If access to a personal computer is not available, a computer will be provided by Pelahatchie Elementary, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and at Pelahatchie High School, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Be sure to bring the information as outlined if applying on location.

Pelahatchie Elementary 5th-6th grade school supply lists

Fifth-grade					
• No. 2 Dixon Ticonderoga pencil latex free	24		• 7.25x10.25 clear top pencil bag with grommets	1	
• Expo black dry erase chisel tip marker	4		• 7" pre-sharpened colored pencils 12 ct.	1	
• Wide ruled 8x10.5 filler paper 200 ct.	1		• Elmer's washable purple glue stick .77 oz.	2	
• Crayola Crayons 24 ct.	2		• MJ25180R red poly pocket with brad folders	1	
• Fiskars 5" blunt tip scissors	2		• Blue poly pocket with brad folders	1	
• Elmer's washable purple glue stick .77 oz.	8		• Green poly pocket with brad folders	1	
• Red poly pocket with brad folders	1		• Orange poly pocket with brad folders	1	
• Blue poly pocket with brad folders	1		• Wide ruled black marble composition book 100 ct.	1	
• Green poly pocket with brad folders	1		• Assorted highlighters 4 pk.	1	
• Yellow poly pocket with brad folders	1		• 3x3 assorted sticky notes 50 ct. 4 pk.	1	
• Wide ruled black marble composition book 100 ct.	2		• Latex free pencil cap erasers 6 pk.	1	
Sixth-grade			• Assorted poly insert dividers 5 tabs with pockets	1	
• No. 2 Dixon Ticonderoga pencil latex free	24		• 1 subject wide ruled spiral assorted notebook 70 ct.	2	
• Expo black dry erase chisel tip marker (1 pack)	2		• Double pocket paper divider 5 ct.	1	
• Wide ruled 8x10.5 filler paper 200 ct.	2		• Crayola classic thick markers 8 ct.	1	
			• 1.5" white view vinyl binder	1	

Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	ARRANGEMENTS
Brad McDonald	58	7/1/2022	Conehatta, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
James D. Mitchell	51	7/4/2022	Lake, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Virginia J. Kirkpatrick	84	7/8/2022	Pulaski, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Richard L. Stroud Jr.	91	7/8/2022	Jackson, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Skip Copeland	25	7/9/2022	Morton, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Lily Jane Phillips	6 mos.	7/15/2022	Eupora, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Doug Merchant	59	7/18/2022	Marion, IL	Wolf Funeral Home
Beth Chandler Parker	92	7/22/2022	Carthage, MS	Wolf Funeral Home



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