

Skokie School District 68 offers healthy meals every school day. Children need healthy meals to learn. Your child(ren) may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls within the guidelines set by the federal government. You must complete a ***Household Eligibility Application*** every year to determine if you qualify for the program. Please contact the District Office at (847) 676-9000 if you need additional information about the food service program.

How much does lunch and/or breakfast cost?	Breakfast is \$1.50 and Lunch is \$2.90 per day. Reduced Breakfast is \$0.30 and Reduced Lunch is \$0.40 per day.
What is included in the meal?	Lunch consists of a main entrée, 2 servings of vegetables, 1 serving of fruit, a grain bread, crackers, etc.) and milk. Breakfast consists of a grain and/or protein item, fruit and milk.
What kind of milk is served?	1% (low fat) white and chocolate, plus skim (fat free) white.
When does meal service start?	It starts on the first full day of school. Check with the school for the meal time.
What is served each day?	Menus as posted on our website: www.skokie68.org , or in the cafeteria. You can also request a menu from the school.
If my child brings lunch, is milk available for purchase?	Yes, milk can be purchased separately at a cost of \$0.65.
Can I send a beverage from home?	Soda and other carbonated beverages are not allowed in school. Bottled water & 100% juice is available for purchase or the student can bring them from home.
What is <i>ala carte</i> ?	This refers to items sold outside of the regular meal. This includes dessert items, milk sold separately, entrée only purchases, etc. The child must have funds in their account or cash in order to purchase ala carte items.
How can I restrict what my child can eat?	Dietary restrictions can be added only by having your physician complete the Physicians Form for Food Substitution.
How does my child pay for the meals?	You should deposit money into their account to cover their purchases. You can send a check made out to Skokie School District 68 or cash to the school. Seal the deposit in an envelope and write the student's name & "LUNCH DEPOSIT" on the envelope. You can also use our online system. Go to www.pushcoin.com for instructions on creating an account. You will need your child(ren)'s registration code(s); call the school or district office for this number.
Is there a fee for the online system?	There is no fee for e-check payments, but there is a small convenience fee for credit card payments, through PushCoin.
How can I find out how much is in my child's account or find out what they are buying?	If you create an online account on www.pushcoin.com you can monitor your child(ren)'s purchases and account balance.
What happens to money left in my child(ren)'s lunch account at the end of the school year?	All balances roll over to the next school year. You are responsible for money owed at the end of the school year. Graduating OOHJ students must clear their debts before graduation. Refunds are not made on 8 th grade OOHJ accounts, so monitor your child's account. Leftover funds can be transferred to a District 68 sibling.
Do I need to fill out <i>Household Eligibility Application</i> for each child?	No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. <i>Use one Household Eligibility Application for all students in your household per district.</i> We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to the school or District Office.
Who can get free meals?	All children in households receiving benefits from Supplemental Nutrition

	Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), income eligible Medicaid, and/or are foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals regardless of income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant also qualify for free meals. <i>If you haven't been told your child(ren) will get free meals, please contact the District Office to see if your child(ren) qualifies.</i>
Who can get reduced-price meals?	All children in households whose gross income is within the reduced limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. To determine eligibility, the household must complete and submit the <i>Household Eligibility Application</i> .
A member of my household received SNAP or TANF benefits. The school sent a letter stating that my child is automatically approved for free meals based on Direct Certification. Do I need to do anything more to ensure that my child receives free meals?	No, you do not need to do anything more to receive free meals for your child(ren). However, if you have students not listed on the <i>Notification of Direct Certification</i> , contact the school immediately. If you do not wish to receive the free meals, you should follow the steps outlined in the letter from the school to notify school personnel immediately.
My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out another one?	Yes. Your child(ren)'s application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of the new school year. <i>Prior-year eligibility expires on 10/9/18</i> . You must send in a new application unless you have received the <i>Notification of Direct Certification</i> for the current school year.
I get WIC. Can my child get free meals?	Children in households participating in WIC <u>may</u> be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out the enclosed application to determine eligibility.
Will the information I give be checked?	Yes, we may also ask you to send proof of income for verification purposes.
If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?	Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year, if your household's income situation changes. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free or reduced-price meals, if the household income drops below the income limit.
May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?	Yes, you or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.
Who should I include as members of my household?	You must include <u>all people living in your household</u> , related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
What if my income is not always the same?	List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1,000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1,000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
What happens if I misrepresent my income for the purposes of being approved for free or reduced-price meals?	By signing the <i>Household Eligibility Application</i> , you certify to the following: <i>I certify (promise) all information on this application is true and all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted.</i>