

# It's **more** than just free meals!

CCSD Nutrition Services invites all families that believe they might qualify for free or reduced price meals to create an online application for the 2022-2023 school year.

## Why Apply?

### Free Meal Waivers Expire

A requested extension of the pandemic relief funds was not included in a spending bill approved by the U. S. Congress earlier this year. This means the free meal waivers will expire.

### Free School Meals

Students will receive free and reduced prices on breakfast and lunch meals if they qualify.

### Reduced Test Fees

Students may be eligible for discounted fees for academic tests such as SAT, ACT, and AP.

### Discounted Internet

Discounts on fees associated with internet service.



Scan the QR code or visit  
our website to complete  
an application.  
[www.lunchapplication.com](http://www.lunchapplication.com)

## IMPORTANT NOTE

On August, 17, 2022, students at NON-CEP schools will be charged for both breakfast and lunch unless they qualify for free or reduced priced meals. CCSD Nutrition Services is encouraging families to apply for the 2022- 2023 school year (before August 17, 2022) to ensure they do not accrue negative balances on their students' accounts.

More information related to the changes:

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### WHY ARE MEALS NO LONGER FREE?

During COVID, Congress allowed the United States Department of Agriculture to grant waivers allowing all students to eat for free. These waivers were granted to reduce barriers that school nutrition programs would have ensuring all students had access to nutritious meals, regardless of their family financial situation. A requested extension of the pandemic relief funds was not included in a spending bill approved by the U.S. Congress earlier this year which means the free meal waivers will expire.

### DO I NEED TO SUBMIT A FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATION FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR?

CCSD requests families that believe they might qualify for free or reduced-price meals to complete an application for School Year 2022-2023. Families that have applied for Free and Reduced Meal benefits for School Year 2021-2022 and were approved for free or reduced meals will be given a 30 day grace period at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. We all know the beginning of the school year is hectic and this helps ensure a family who qualifies will not be charged for meals starting in August.