PUBLIC RELEASE – SY 2025-2026 FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

The Sheridan School District will be participating in the National School Lunch Program, and School Breakfast Programs. Households may be eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. Applications may be found at each school's campus main office, central office and online. Households that participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households must complete and return the application. Applications will be considered incomplete if all information is not provided as described in the instructions provided with the application. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year as circumstances change provided that the loss of income causes the household income during the period of unemployment to be within the eligibility criteria.

Income Eligibility Guidelines for School Year 2025-2026

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Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines	Free Meals 130%					Reduced Meals 185%				
					Every Two					Every Two	
	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Month	Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Month	Weeks	Weekly
1	15,650	20,345	1,696	848	783	392	28,953	2,413	1,207	1,114	557
2	21,150	27,495	2,292	1,146	1,058	529	39,128	3,261	1,631	1,505	753
3	26,650	34,645	2,888	1,444	1,333	667	49,303	4,109	2,055	1,897	949
4	32,150	41,795	3,483	1,742	1,608	804	59,478	4,957	2,479	2,288	1,144
5	37,650	48,945	4,079	2,040	1,883	942	69,653	5,805	2,903	2,679	1,340
6	43,150	56,095	4,675	2,338	2,158	1,079	79,828	6,653	3,327	3,071	1,536
7	48,650	63,245	5,271	2,636	2,433	1,217	90,003	7,501	3,751	3,462	1,731
8	54,150	70,395	5,867	2,934	2,708	1,354	100,178	8,349	4,175	3,853	1,927
each add'l person add	5,500	7,150	596	298	275	138	10,175	848	424	392	196

Households with children who received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits may submit an application with abbreviated information as described in the application instructions.

All applications are subject to verification. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request to: Superintendent at 870-942-3135

Children who are enrolled in Head Start / Even Start programs are categorically eligible for free meals. Contact Kristy Morrison at 870-942-3135 with questions regarding Head Start / Even Start meal benefits.

Children certified as foster, migrant, homeless or runaway by the district are categorically eligible for free meals. Contact Quisha Gibson at 870-942-3135 with questions regarding foster, migrant, homeless or runaway meal benefits.

Households who are notified of their eligibility but who do not want their children to receive free meals must contact the school. SNAP households should complete an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by **September 20,2025**.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
fax:
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
email:
program.intake@usda.gov

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