

Johnson City ISD

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Johnson City ISD Transitions Back to Application Requirement for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals

Johnson City ISD— During the 24-25 school year, Johnson City ISD participated in the Community Eligibility Program which allowed schools to serve free meals for all students. This is not a program that JCISD will continue for the 2025-2026 school year. As a result, Johnson City ISD must return to charging for school meals and offering free and reduced-price meals based on student eligibility. Families are encouraged to complete the Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals and return the completed form online to the Child Nutrition Director or to any school office.

The application will determine a child's eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and may assist in the determination of eligibility for other state or federal benefits. Only one application needs to be completed per household. Schools will notify the household of the child's eligibility. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) administers school nutrition programs in Texas and offers an eligibility calculator at www.SquareMeals.org/ProgramEligibility.

Decisions regarding payment for school meals are made at the national-government level, not by the school nutrition team or TDA. The dedicated staff at Johnson City ISD is looking forward to serving healthy, balanced meals to students in the new school year. These meals, whether paid, free, or reduced-price, offer a good source of nutrition for children.

Thank you,

Tanya Olvera

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