



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The waivers for all students to receive free breakfast and lunches expired at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. For the 2022-2023 we will be going back to our normal program of charging for school breakfast and lunches. This will not affect the Summer Feeding Program at Sturgis Elementary, the lunches are free for kids 0-18. The program runs May 31, 2022 through July 29, 2022 with no meals served on July 4, 2022.

We are encouraging all families to fill out the Free and Reduced applications to see if you qualify for free or reduced breakfast and lunch. This application will need to be received by the Food Service Department by August 26, 2022. For applications received after that date, even if you qualify for free or reduced meals, you will be responsible for the full price of the meals up to the date we receive the application.

We will begin taking applications for the 2022-2023 school year beginning July 1, 2022. To fill out an application, please go to <https://family.titank12.com/?identifier=Z3D8PQ> and click on Apply for Meals Today. However, we encourage you to set up a free account on the Titan Family Portal, from there you will be able to link your all your students and fill out the application. You will find the link in the Menu section on the left side of the screen. Once you click on the Meal Application you then click on the green button "New Application" on the right side of the screen. If you have set up a free account, Titan will keep a secure history of the application. Once we process the application, you will be able to view the results. From your account you will be able to see your student's balance, add funds and transfer funds from one student to another.

A paper application will be provided for those who do not have access to the internet.

Please see the attached flyer "Free and Reduced-Price Applications More Than Just the Meal" on how qualified applications help schools.

If you have any questions, please contact Food Service Department at 605-347-3601.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhonda Ramsdell".

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Food Service Director
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Free and Reduced Price Applications More Than Just the Meal!

Each individual household application is held in strict confidence and is used only for granting free and reduced price meal benefits to eligible families.



Did you know the School Free & Reduced Eligibility Percentages are used for many benefits to your school



If you think your family or household may qualify, please submit an application. Contact your school with any questions!

For each free and reduced price lunch served, your school receives about \$3.00 of federal money and 30 cents for each paid lunch served.

Did you also know that schools with high free and reduced price participation are eligible for so much more!

- ◆ Technology Discounts for phones and internet through E-Rate
- ◆ Teacher loan forgiveness is available
- ◆ Title 1 rank order for funding distribution to school sites is based on higher free & reduced rates

Many more U.S. Department of Agriculture Programs are available to schools with a higher free & reduced rate. Programs include:

- ◆ Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Snack Program
- ◆ Afterschool Snacks at no charge to students
- ◆ Afterschool Supper Program with free supper meals given to students at no charge
- ◆ Summer Food Service Program with free children meals all summer long
- ◆ A special Provision that allows a school to offer all students meals free of charge
- ◆ Grants from the USDA that allow your school to purchase equipment with grant funding

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