



Old Rochester Regional School District

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NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Old Rochester Regional School District- Food & Nutrition Services

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Children need healthy meals to learn. Old Rochester Regional School District Schools including Rochester Memorial Elementary, Sippican Elementary, Old Hammondtown Elementary, Center Elementary, Old Rochester Regional Junior High School and Old Rochester Regional High School offer healthy meals every school day. For this school year 2020-2021, the Old Rochester Regional School District will be charging students to participate in the school meal programs. The cost for a **breakfast** at Old Rochester Regional Elementary Schools will be **\$2.00**, ORR JRHS and ORRHS will be **\$2.25** and a **reduced** meal will be **\$0.30**. The cost for a **lunch** at ORR JRHS and ORR High School will be **\$3.25**, **all Elementary Schools will be \$3.00**, and a **reduced** meal cost will be **\$0.40** in all schools.

The Old Rochester Regional School District is happy to announce its policy for determining free and reduced price meals served under the National School Lunch Program. Free and Reduced Meal Benefits are available to qualifying families. Applications are available on the [School Food and Nutrition website](#) as well as in the main office at any of the schools. You may apply for Free and Reduced Price Meals at any time during the school year. Your children may qualify for Free or Reduced Price Meals if your household income falls within the limits on the chart below. **The Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 are as follows:**

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2020-2021			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$454
2	31,894	2,658	614
3	40,182	3,349	773
4	48,470	4,040	933
5	56,758	4,730	1,092
6	65,046	5,421	1,251
7	73,334	6,112	1,411
8	81,622	6,802	1,570
Each additional person:	+8,288	+691	+160

If anyone in your household participates in any of the following assistance programs, your children are eligible for free or reduced school meals: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (MA SNAP), MA TAFDC (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, FDPIR (The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation) or specific categories of Medicaid are eligible for free meals.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year, eligibility from the previous year will continue. When the carry-over period ends, unless the household is notified their children are directly certified* or the household submits an application that is approved, the children must pay full price for school meals.

Students who are homeless, migrant, runaway or enrolled in an eligible Head Start or pre-kindergarten class are also eligible for benefits. Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are categorically eligible for free meals. A foster child may be included as a member of a foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits. If a foster family is not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, it does not prevent the foster child from receiving free meal benefits. Note however, that a foster child's free eligibility does not automatically extend to all students in the household.

*No application is required if the district directly certifies a child through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Service's Virtual Gateway as receiving MA SNAP, MA TAFDC, Medicaid or is a foster child. Federal Regulation requires this electronic match process. (The Virtual Gateway is an internet portal designed by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to provide the general public, medical providers, community-based organizations and EOHHHS staff with online access to health and human services). All children in these households are eligible for free or reduced meal benefits. If you receive a notice of Direct Certification for your child to receive free or reduced school meals and there are other children in your household that are not listed, you may contact the Director of Food and Nutrition Services, Jill Henesey at 508-758-2772 ext. 1543 to have the benefit extended to them. Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact Jill Henesey at 508-758-2772 ext. 1543 or submit in writing if they want to *decline* the free or reduced meal benefits. Completed applications should be submitted to Jill Henesey, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes at any time, the family can file a new application.

Thank you for your support

Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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