

Free Meals for All Students for Entire 2020-2021 School Year

The USDA recently announced that it was extending the waiver that allows students to eat breakfast and lunch for free as long as they receive a reimbursable tray. This waiver will last throughout the entire 2020-2021 school year. Students may continue to purchase ala carte items as long as they do not have a negative lunch account.

This waiver does not change a student's lunch status and it does not affect textbook rental fees. Students who are classified as full pay will owe the full amount for textbook rental, course fees, etc.

We encourage anyone who believes they would qualify for free or reduced meals to continue to fill out a free and reduced lunch application. There is no guarantee that meals will be free for everyone next school year and a free or reduced status from this year will carry over 30 days into the next school year. There are many school programs, grants, and other opportunities that are dependent upon a school's free and reduced rate to allocate funding.

Any questions concerning the school lunch program or free and reduced applications may be directed to Nancy Woodard at woodardne@nesc.k12.in.us or by calling 812.397.5390 x 15100.

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