



Dear Parents/Guardians:

August 2018

In 2013 the State changed the way schools receive funding. Our district receives a base amount calculated on actual enrollment and attendance. Our schools will receive approximately \$1,450 additional each year for every student who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Foster children
- English language learners
- Students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals

Eligibility for the meal program does not mean that your child must eat a school lunch or breakfast to generate the additional funding for the school. If approved, your child will also qualify for a fee waiver for the SAT and/or ACT testing, as well as a reduction in fees for transportation to and from school. In order to demonstrate eligibility, the parent simply completes the confidential online application. You can access the online application link on our district website at www.aadusd.k12.ca.us. A paper application is included that may be completed and submitted to the school cafeteria or office, if desired. A small percentage of applications are selected at random for income verification and if your application is selected, you may be asked to submit documentation of your income.

Surprisingly, you may qualify for eligibility since it is based on your family income and household size. Below are the income eligibility guidelines for July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019:

| Household Size | Year | Month | Twice Per Month | Every Two Weeks | Week |
|---|-----------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | \$ 22,459 | \$ 1872 | \$ 936 | \$ 864 | \$ 432 |
| 2 | 30,451 | 2,538 | 1,269 | 1,172 | 586 |
| 3 | 38,443 | 3,204 | 1,602 | 1,479 | 740 |
| 4 | 46,435 | 3,870 | 1,935 | 1,786 | 893 |
| 5 | 54,427 | 4,536 | 2,268 | 2,094 | 1,047 |
| 6 | 62,419 | 5,202 | 2,601 | 2,401 | 1,201 |
| 7 | 70,411 | 5,868 | 2,934 | 2,709 | 1,355 |
| 8 | 78,403 | 6,534 | 3,267 | 3,016 | 1,508 |
| For each additional family member, add: | | | | | |
| | \$ 7,992 | \$ 666 | \$ 333 | \$ 308 | \$ 154 |

Of course, we encourage you to have your student enjoy our healthy, nutritious and delicious school breakfasts and lunches. **The added benefit of submitting an application is that our district will receive about \$1,450 more funding for every eligible student.**

Please be assured that strict confidentiality is maintained over information submitted. If you need any assistance with the form or have any questions, you may contact your school or Paulette Buechner, Coordinator of Food Services at (661) 269-0750, extension 108.

Sincerely,
 Paulette Buechner – Coordinator of Food Services
 Cassandra Coleman – Director/Principal, Meadowlark School
 Dr. Giselle Bice – Principal, High Desert School
 Dan Andrus – Principal, Vasquez High School