

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

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Children need healthy meals to learn. St. Patrick School offers healthy lunches every school day. Lunch cost \$3.85. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$.40 for lunch.

St. Patrick School has a policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free or reduced price meals served under the National School Lunch Program.

The school has adopted the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Income Eligibility Guidelines following family size and income to determine eligibility.

The following income guidelines will be used in Massachusetts from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 for determining eligibility of participants for free and reduced priced meals in the Child Nutrition Programs.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2020-			
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	\$81,662	\$6,802	\$1,570
Each additional	+8,288	+691	+160

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to school. Additional copies are available at the school main office. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility and for administration and enforcement of the lunch program. This information may also be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

No application is required if the district directly certifies a child based on a household member receiving assistance from:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards

All children in these households are eligible for free meal benefits. If any child(ren) was not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free meal benefits extended to that child(ren).

If a child is not directly certified, the household should complete a free and reduced price meal application form. The application for the SNAP or TANF households require the name of the person in the household receiving the SNAP or TANF benefits and their case number. The signature of an adult household member is also required. Households receiving assistance

under the SNAP/TANF programs will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be provided free benefits unless the household notifies the school that it chooses to decline benefits.

When known to the school, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is Other Source Categorically Eligible, because the child is categorized, as defined by law as either homeless, migrant, runaway, a foster child, enrolled in Head Start or enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If children or households receive benefits under Assistance Programs or Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs and are not listed on the notice of eligibility and are not notified by the school of their free meal benefits, the parent or guardian should contact the school or should submit an income application.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the free meal benefits.