

Seward Elementary School participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Applications for free and reduced meals are currently being accepted.



Meals meet nutritional standards set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Our school, Seward Elementary, will participate in the National School Lunch Program, After School Snack, and School Breakfast Program.

Parents and Guardians:

If your income is less than or equal to the following guidelines (see the table on page 3), you are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. These guidelines are effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Households receiving Public Assistance Benefits: *If you have children who are approved for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Native Family Assistance Program (NFAP), they are automatically able to receive free meals by filing an application that includes their assistance number from one of those programs.*

Households receiving Public Assistance benefits (Food Stamps or Temporary Assistance) DO NOT need to fill out a Student Programs Application IF they have received and turned in a School Meals/Direct Certification Notice from Public Assistance. The Department of Education and Public Assistance will coordinate efforts to implement the Categorical Eligibility Process by also sending names of qualifying households directly to KPBSD / Student Nutrition Services (SNS). Once your student's name has been received and processed, SNS will send you a letter notifying you that benefits are available.

Additionally, students who are migrant, homeless, or runaways are automatically eligible and do not need to fill out an application. Foster children receive free meals regardless of the income of the household with which they reside. Note: Medicaid and Denali Kid Care case

numbers do not qualify for eligibility.

Households with income: Households with income are encouraged to submit a KPBSD Student Programs Application (even if income is over the Income Eligibility Guidelines shown on the table on page 3), because certain Federal programs base funding on the total number of students applying for benefits. Parents can submit an application (one application per household) for their household **BEFORE** school starts. Please allow 10 working days for processing by the Student Nutrition Services Office.

2016/2017 STUDENT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS (paper copies that are cream with purple printing) will be available for pick-up by August 08, 2016 at all Kenai Peninsula Borough Schools, Public Assistance / Job Service and KPBSD Central Office. Parents and legal guardians in the school district are invited to complete an online application for student participation at a free or reduced cost. [Click here to learn more and apply online](#). It is three easy steps.

30-DAY GRACE MEAL BENEFITS: Students qualifying for free or reduced meal benefits on the last serving day of the 2015-2016 School Year (May 19, 2016) may receive meal benefits for up to the first 30 school days of the 2016/2017 school year (August 23 – October 4, 2016). The 30 day grace period allows students to qualify for school meals while their new application, School Meals or Categorical Eligibility Direct Certification Notice is being processed. **NOTE:** If a student changes schools, a delay in receiving 30 day benefit may occur.

Student Nutrition Prices for Elementary School 2016-2017	
Breakfast	Lunch
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1.75 Paid Student• Free to student who qualify for Reduced and Free Meals• Adults \$2.50 No Milk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2.85 Paid• \$0.40 Reduced price student• \$4.25 Adult No Milk

Income Eligibility Guidelines, school year: 2016-2017

Reduced Price Meals – 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines						Free Meals – 130 % of Federal Poverty Guidelines				
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	27,454	2,288	1,144	1,056	528	19,292	1,608	804	742	371
2	37,037	3,087	1,544	1,425	713	26,026	2,169	1,085	1,001	501
3	46,620	3,885	1,943	1,794	897	32,760	2,730	1,365	1,260	630
4	56,203	4,684	2,342	2,162	1,081	39,494	3,292	1,646	1,519	760
5	65,786	5,483	2,742	2,531	1,266	46,228	3,853	1,927	1,778	889
6	75,369	6,281	3,141	2,899	1,450	52,962	4,414	2,207	2,037	1,019
7	84,952	7,080	3,540	3,268	1,634	59,696	4,975	2,488	2,296	1,148
8	94,572	7,881	3,941	3,638	1,819	66,456	5,538	2,769	2,556	1,278
For each additional family member add:										
	9,620	802	401	370	185	6,760	564	282	260	130

For more information, or to get an application for free or reduced-price school meals, contact KPBSD Student Nutrition Services, 139 Park Avenue, Soldotna AK 99669, or call 907-714-8831. Applications cannot be approved until fully completed. Information provided on applications may be checked at any time.

You may apply for free or reduced price meals at any time during the school year if your situation changes. If you become unemployed, your child or children may be able to have free or reduced priced meals based on your unemployment income. If we deny your free or reduced price meals application, we will give you a chance to appeal the decision.

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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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