

## Media Release for Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Wellman-Union ISD announced its policy today for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the attached current income eligibility guidelines. Each school/site or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by anyone on request.

Application forms will be sent home in enrollment packets at time of registration. Applications also are available at the Administration Office.

### Criteria for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits

The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits:

#### *Income*

1. Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels

#### *Categorical or Automatic Eligibility*

2. Household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

#### *Program Participant*

3. Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster
4. Child's enrollment in Head Start or Even Start

### Income Eligibility

For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must fill out free and reduced-price meal application and return it to Debbie Lambert, PO Box 69, Wellman, TX 79378. Those individuals filling out the application will need to provide the following information:

1. Names of all household members
2. Amount, frequency, and source of current income for each household member
3. Last 4 digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or, if the adult does not have a social security number, check the box for "No Social Security number"
4. Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct

### Categorical or Program Eligibility

Wellman-Union ISD is working with local agencies to identify all children who are categorically and program eligible. Wellman-Union ISD will notify the households of these children that they do not need to complete an application. Any household that does not receive a letter and feels it should have should contact Debbie Lambert at 806-637-4910.

Any household that wishes to decline benefits should contact Debbie Lambert at 806-637-4910.

Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may also be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

### **Determining Eligibility**

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Debbie Lambert will review applications and determine eligibility. Households or guardians dissatisfied with the Reviewing Official's eligibility determination may wish to discuss the decision with the Reviewing Official on an informal basis. Households wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Mr. Aaron Waldrip, 806-637-4910, PO Box 69, Wellman, TX 79378,.

### **Unexpected Circumstances**

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the attached current income eligibility guidelines.

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### Income Eligibility Guidelines for Determining Free and Reduced Price Benefits

Effective from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Family Size	Annually		Monthly		Twice per Month		Every Two Weeks		Weekly	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$15,444	\$21,978	\$1,287	\$1,832	\$644	\$916	\$594	\$846	\$297	\$423
2	\$20,826	\$29,637	\$1,736	\$2,470	\$868	\$1,235	\$801	\$1,140	\$401	\$570
3	\$26,208	\$37,296	\$2,184	\$3,108	\$1,092	\$1,554	\$1,008	\$1,435	\$504	\$718
4	\$31,590	\$44,955	\$2,633	\$3,747	\$1,317	\$1,874	\$1,215	\$1,730	\$608	\$865
5	\$36,972	\$52,614	\$3,081	\$4,385	\$1,541	\$2,193	\$1,422	\$2,024	\$711	\$1,012
6	\$42,354	\$60,273	\$3,530	\$5,023	\$1,765	\$2,512	\$1,629	\$2,319	\$815	\$1,160
7	\$47,749	\$67,951	\$3,980	\$5,663	\$1,990	\$2,832	\$1,837	\$2,614	\$919	\$1,307
8	\$53,157	\$75,647	\$4,430	\$6,304	\$2,215	\$3,152	\$2,045	\$2,910	\$1,023	\$1,455
9	\$58,565	\$83,343	\$4,881	\$6,946	\$2,441	\$3,473	\$2,253	\$3,206	\$1,127	\$1,603
10	\$63,973	\$91,039	\$5,332	\$7,588	\$2,667	\$3,794	\$2,461	\$3,502	\$1,231	\$1,751
11	\$69,381	\$98,735	\$5,783	\$8,230	\$2,893	\$4,115	\$2,669	\$3,798	\$1,335	\$1,899
12	\$74,789	\$106,431	\$6,234	\$8,872	\$3,119	\$4,436	\$2,877	\$4,094	\$1,439	\$2,047
<i>For each additional family member add:</i>										
	+\$5,408	+\$7,696	+\$451	+\$642	+\$226	+\$321	+\$208	+\$296	+\$104	+\$148