



August 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

**Rehoboth Christian School** plays a vital role in children's health by providing free and reduced price meals to students in need. The following U.S. Department of Agriculture Programs are offered: National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following family size income criteria for determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals and will offer meals to students that qualify according to the standards below:

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free, reduced -price or full-price meal benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown here are eligible for free or reduced meals. Children who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Assistance, benefits are automatically eligible for free meals regardless of income of the household in which they reside. Eligibility for a foster child is based on a separate application and solely on the amount of the child's "Personal use" income.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, the designated approving official(s) will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the approving official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request, either orally or in writing, to the fair hearing official, Verlena Livingston P O Box 41, Rehoboth, NM 87322, for a hearing on the decision. The information provided by households is confidential. Meal benefits from the previous school year apply for the first 30 days of the new school year or until a new application is submitted. After this time, children will revert to full price for meals. Please contact the district office if assistance is needed with application materials in different languages.

You may apply for meal benefits if you become unemployed or your economic situation changes at any time during the school year. If you have questions or need help, please call *Darlene Stewart* at 505.726.9608 You may also e-mail us at [dstewart@rcsnm.org](mailto:dstewart@rcsnm.org)

Sincerely,

**Susan Eddy**

**Food Service Director**

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# HOUSEHOLD NOTICE FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

## National School Lunch/Breakfast Program School Year 2023-2024

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Rehoboth Christian School \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ August 25, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES											
Effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024											
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES ANNUAL	REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185 %					FREE MEALS - 130 %				
		ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
<b>48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND TERRITORIES</b>											
1 .....	14,580	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519	18,954	1,580	790	729	365
2 .....	19,720	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702	25,636	2,137	1,069	986	493
3 .....	24,860	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885	32,318	2,694	1,347	1,243	622
4 .....	30,000	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068	39,000	3,250	1,625	1,500	750
5 .....	35,140	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251	45,682	3,807	1,904	1,757	879
6 .....	40,280	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434	52,364	4,364	2,182	2,014	1,007
7 .....	45,420	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616	59,046	4,921	2,461	2,271	1,136
8 .....	50,560	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799	65,728	5,478	2,739	2,528	1,264
For each add'l family member, add	5,140	9,509	793	397	366	183	6,682	557	279	257	129
<b>ALASKA</b>											
1 .....	18,210	33,689	2,808	1,404	1,296	648	23,673	1,973	987	911	456
2 .....	24,640	45,584	3,799	1,900	1,754	877	32,032	2,670	1,335	1,232	616
3 .....	31,070	57,480	4,790	2,395	2,211	1,106	40,391	3,366	1,683	1,554	777
4 .....	37,500	69,375	5,782	2,891	2,669	1,335	48,750	4,063	2,032	1,875	938
5 .....	43,930	81,271	6,773	3,387	3,126	1,563	57,109	4,760	2,380	2,197	1,099
6 .....	50,360	93,166	7,764	3,882	3,584	1,792	65,468	5,456	2,728	2,516	1,259
7 .....	56,790	105,062	8,756	4,378	4,041	2,021	73,827	6,153	3,077	2,840	1,420
8 .....	63,220	116,957	9,747	4,874	4,499	2,250	82,186	6,849	3,425	3,161	1,581
For each add'l family member, add	6,430	11,896	992	496	458	229	8,359	697	349	322	161
<b>HAWAII</b>											
1 .....	16,770	31,025	2,586	1,293	1,194	597	21,801	1,817	909	839	420
2 .....	22,680	41,958	3,497	1,749	1,614	807	29,484	2,457	1,229	1,134	567
3 .....	28,590	52,892	4,408	2,204	2,035	1,018	37,167	3,098	1,549	1,430	715
4 .....	34,500	63,825	5,319	2,660	2,455	1,228	44,850	3,738	1,869	1,725	863
5 .....	40,410	74,759	6,230	3,115	2,876	1,438	52,533	4,378	2,189	2,021	1,011
6 .....	46,320	85,692	7,141	3,571	3,296	1,648	60,216	5,018	2,509	2,316	1,158
7 .....	52,230	96,626	8,053	4,027	3,717	1,859	67,899	5,659	2,830	2,612	1,306
8 .....	58,140	107,559	8,964	4,482	4,137	2,069	75,582	6,299	3,150	2,907	1,454
For each add'l family member, add	5,910	10,934	912	456	421	211	7,683	641	321	296	148

### RCS Meal Prices SY 2023/2024

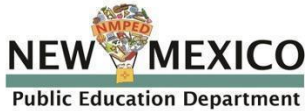
# ALL Students eat FREE!

Every student is eligible to receive a reimburseable breakfast and reimburseable lunch meal daily.

Only one meals per assigned serving session is allowed.

Non-Student / Adult charges

Breakfast \$2.50 Lunch \$3.50



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**July 12, 2022**

**NM school meals free for most despite federal reversal**

*Keep Kids Fed Act reinstated co-pays for those on reduced-price plans*

SANTA FE – About 57,000 New Mexico students who qualify for reduced-price school meals will continue eating for free because of legislation championed by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham to offset federally mandated co-pays.

[House Bill 10](#), passed in the 2020 regular session, required the Public Education Department to cover co-pays that families in the reduced-price meal program are expected to contribute toward the cost of their children's school-based meals. The bill came with a recurring \$625,000 annual appropriation.

"Gov. Lujan Grisham pushed for this legislation because she wanted to make sure school meals would be free for as many New Mexico students as possible," Public Education Secretary Kurt Steinhaus said. "This safety net could mean the difference between a full belly and an empty one for many of our kids, and you can't learn on an empty stomach."

The funding wasn't needed the last two years and reverted to the state's General Fund because federal pandemic legislation made school meals free for every student, regardless of family income.

The every-student-eats-free policy expired July 1 with implementation of the federal [Keep Kids Fed Act](#), which President Biden signed on June 25. This means that if New Mexico had not created the safety net in 2020 as part of Gov. Lujan Grisham's hunger initiative, families whose students qualify for reduced-price meals would resume paying copayments – just as families that do not qualify for any meal assistance must resume paying for their children's school meals just as they did before the pandemic.

"New Mexico puts a priority on feeding our kids," said Michael Chavez, director of the Public Education Department's Student Success and Wellness Bureau. "By covering these school meal co-pays, we're giving hard-working families one less bill to worry about at the end of the week while assuring them that their students will get the nutrition they need to be alert and ready to learn."

Schools will be required to report the number of reduced-price meals served so the department can reimburse them for the amount of uncollected co-pays, which are capped at 40 cents per meal.

Parents or guardians apply for free or reduced-price school meals through their children's schools. Schools send the application form home with students at the beginning of each school year, but families may request an application from their schools and submit it at any time.

Eligibility is based on household income and family size. Children from families with incomes at or below 130 percent of the [federal poverty level](#) are eligible for free meals. Those with incomes between 130 and 185 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible for reduced price meals.

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**N.M. School Meals**  
**By The Numbers: 2022**

179,737: Number of NM students who qualify for free school meals

56,683: Number of NM students qualify for reduced-price school meals

71%: Percentage of NM students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals

40 cents: Maximum co-pay for a school meal

\$4.56: Federal reimbursement for every lunch served

\$2.61: Federal reimbursement for every breakfast served

\$36,000: Approximate maximum income for family of four to qualify for free school meals

\$51,000: Approximate maximum income for family of four to qualify for reduced-price meals

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