

# Volusia County Schools

## Free & Reduced Breakfast & Lunch Program

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- You can now apply for free and reduced meals on-line.
- It is easy to apply for free/reduced meals.
- It only takes a few minutes when you apply on-line.
- The site is safe and secure.
- Do **NOT** complete an on-line application if you have submitted a paper application. This will delay the approval process.

**Please visit the School Way Café web site at:**

[www.volusia.k12.fl.us](http://www.volusia.k12.fl.us)

- Click on *Departments*
- Click on *School Way Café*
- Click on *Meal Applications* and follow the easy instructions



School Way Café is dedicated to building a foundation for learning for our students and community by providing caring support, good nutrition and quality service.

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## FAQ's and Information About Free/Reduced Lunch Applications

Q: How long are the benefits in effect?

**A: The benefits are in effect for the entire school year.**

Q: Can I appeal the decision about getting free or reduced prices for my child?

**A: Yes, you can talk with a food service representative or ask for a Fair Hearing. For both of these types of appeals, Contact the District Office at (386) 734-7190, extension 20540.**

Q: Will my application information be kept confidential?

**A: Yes, unless you indicate otherwise on your Free/Reduced Price Application Form**

Q: What information will I need to provide on the form?

**A: If your child receives TANF or Food Stamps, you'll need to provide:**

- **Child's name, AND**
- **TANF or Food Stamp 10-digit case number, AND**
- **Signature of adult household member**

**If your child is a foster child, you'll need to provide:**

- **Child's name, AND**
- **Child's monthly personal use income, AND**
- **Signature of adult household member**

**If your child is NOT a foster child and does NOT receive Food stamps or TANF, you'll need to provide:**

- **Child's name, AND**
- **Names of all other household members, AND**
- **Amount and source of each household member's income received in the past month, AND**
- **Signature of an adult household member, (Social Security Number or write "NONE")**

**Reminder!**  
**Your application**  
**cannot be approved**  
**unless it contains**  
**complete eligibility**  
**information!**

### Other information about your application:

For Military, include names and portion of income of deployed service members in the household. These service members will be included as part of the household in establishing a child's eligibility for free and reduced price meals. A military housing allowance that is part of the Military Privatization Initiative is not to be included as income.

For all applicants: a household may apply for benefits at any time during the school year if circumstances change.

The disclosure of a social security number is voluntary; however, a social security number, or an indication of "none", is necessary for approval of the application. The social security number is required under provisions of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.

"Privacy Act Statement" The National School Lunch Act requires that, unless you show that you received Food Stamps, FDPIR or TANG for your child, you must provide the social security number of each adult household member or indicate that the household member does not have a social security number. Provision of social security number is not mandatory, but if the social security number is not provided for each adult household member or an indication is marked that each adult household member does not have a social security number, benefits will be terminated. The social security number may be used to identify household members in verifying the correctness of information stated on the application and continued eligibility for the program. These verification efforts may be through program reviews, audits, and investigations and may include contacting employers to determine income, contacting a food stamp or welfare office to determine current certification for receipt of food stamps, FDPIR or TANF benefits, contacting the state employment security office to determine the amount of benefits received and checking the documentation produced by the household members to prove the amount of income received. These efforts may result in the loss or reduction of benefits, administrative claims or legal actions if incorrect information is reported. This information must be provided to each adult household member disclosing his/her social security number.

All meals served meet nutritional standards as set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. If your child has a disability as defined by the American's with Disability Act and that disability prevents your child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make any substitutions prescribed by a medical doctor. The school is not required to make a substitution for a food allergy.

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