

California Department of Education School
Year 2025-26
Pricing Letter to Household and Instructions

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Helendale School District participates in the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program by offering nutritious meals every school day. HES students may buy lunch for \$0.00 and breakfast for \$0.00. RMS students may buy lunch for \$0.00 and breakfast for \$0.00. ACE students may buy lunch for \$0.00 and breakfast for \$0.00. Eligible students may receive meals free of charge or at the reduced-price rate of \$0.00 for lunch and \$0.00 for breakfast. You or your children do not have to be United States citizens to qualify for free or reduced-price meals. If there are more household members than the number of lines on the application, attach a second application. For a simple and secure method to apply, use our online application at lingconnect.com.

Commencing in SY 2025–26, Education Code (EC) 49501.5 requires public school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools serving students in grades transitional kindergarten through grade 12 (TK–12) to provide two meals free of charge (breakfast and lunch) during each school day to students requesting a meal, regardless of their free or reduced-price meal eligibility. Although the two meals are free to all students, Helendale School District is still required to collect meal applications. All federal regulations still apply for the determination of eligibility for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

Qualification

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the federal Income Eligibility Guidelines below.

Free Eligibility

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Week	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$20,345	\$1,696	\$848	\$783	\$392
2	\$27,495	\$2,292	\$1,146	\$1,058	\$529
3	\$4,645	\$2,888	\$ 1,444	\$ 1,333	\$667
4	\$41,795	\$3,483	\$1,742	1,608	\$804
5	\$48,945	\$4,079	\$2,040	\$1,883	\$942
6	\$56,095	\$4,675	\$2,338	\$2,158	\$1,079
7	\$63,245	\$5,271	\$2,636	\$2,433	\$1,217
8	\$70,395	\$5,867	\$2,934	\$2,708	\$1,354
For each additional family member:	\$7,150	\$596	\$398	\$275	\$138

Reduced Eligibility

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Week	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$1,207	\$1,114	\$55
2	\$39,128	\$3,261	\$1,631	\$1,505	\$753
3	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$2,055	\$1,897	\$949
4	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$2,479	\$2,288	\$1,144
5	\$69,653	\$5,805	\$2,903	\$2,679	\$1,340
6	\$79,828	\$6,653	\$3,327	\$3,071	\$1,536
7	\$90,003	\$7,501	\$3,751	\$3,462	\$1,731
8	\$100,178	\$8,349	\$4,175	\$3,853	\$1,927
For each additional family member:	\$10,175	\$848	\$424	\$392	\$196

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

- Complete one application per household. Please print clearly with a pen, if completing paper application. Incomplete, illegible, or incorrect information will delay processing and must be re-submitted.
- STUDENT INFORMATION**—Include all students who attend Helendale School District. Print their name (first, middle initial, last), school, grade level, and birthdate. If any student listed is a foster child, check the Foster box. If you are only applying for a foster child, complete STEP 1, and then continue to STEP 4. If any student listed may be homeless, migrant, or runaway, check the applicable Homeless, Migrant, or Runaway box and complete all STEPS of the application.
 - ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**—If any household member (child or adult) participates in CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR, then all children are eligible for free meals. Must check the applicable assistance program box, enter one case number, and then continue to STEP 4. If no one participates, skip STEP 2 and continue to STEP 3.
 - REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS**—Must report gross income (before deductions) from all household members (children and adults) in whole dollars. Enter 0 for any household member that does not receive income.
 - Report the combined gross income for all students listed in STEP 1 and enter the appropriate pay period. Include a foster child’s income if you are applying for foster and non foster children on the same application.
 - Print the names (first and last) of all other household members not listed in STEP 1, including yourself. Report the total gross income from each source and enter the appropriate pay period.
 - Enter the total household size (children and adults). This number must equal the listed household members from STEP 1 and STEP 3.
 - Enter the last four digits of your Social Security number (SSN). If no adult household member has a SSN, check the NO SSN box.
 - CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE**—The application must be signed by an adult household member. Print the name of the adult signing the application, contact information, and today’s date.
 - OPTIONAL- CHILDREN’S ETHNIC AND RACIAL IDENTITIES** - This field is optional to complete and does not affect your children’s eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. Please check the appropriate boxes.

INFORMATION STATEMENT

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced priced meals. You must include the last four digits of the SSN of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the SSN are not required when you list a Cal-fresh, Cal-Works, or FDPIR case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have an SSN by selecting the check box. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE

Please contact Kelly Henderson at (760) 952-1180.

PAPER APPLICATIONS:

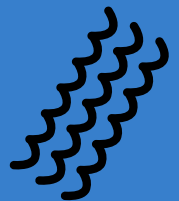
Please submit a complete application to your child's school or the nutrition office at **15350 Riverview Rd or PO Box 249 Helendale, CA 92342**. You will be notified if your application is approved or denied for free or reduced-price meals.

Sincerely,

Kelly Henderson, Helendale School District

Universal Benefit Application

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<https://linqconnect.com/public/universal-benefits-application/new>