

FISCAL YEAR 2017 COUNTY WIDE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

*(For use by all schools that offer the
National School Lunch, After School Snack, School Breakfast Programs and Special Milk Programs
including the Split-Session Milk Programs.)*

PLEASE NOTE: This release must be used in its entirety since it meets all federal regulations. The portions referring to breakfast, snacks or milk should be deleted, if not applicable. Fill in all blanks with the appropriate information.

The Salem County Superintendent of Schools announced today that low cost, nutritious school lunches and/or breakfasts and/or milk are available to all children enrolled in the school. In addition, meals, snacks and/or milk will be provided free or at a greatly reduced price to children from households whose gross income are at or below those shown for their household size on the income scale below. Applications for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Free Milk are sent to the households of all children enrolled in the school districts.

EFFECTIVE FROM JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017
(As announced by the United States Department of Agriculture)

HOUSE-HOLD SIZE	FREE MEALS OR MILK					HOUSE-HOLD SIZE	REDUCED PRICE MEALS				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly		Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	15,444	1,287	644	594	297	1	21,978	1,832	916	846	423
2	20,826	1,736	868	801	401	2	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570
3	26,208	2,184	1,092	1,008	504	3	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718
4	31,590	2,633	1,317	1,215	608	4	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865
5	36,972	3,081	1,541	1,422	711	5	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012
6	42,354	3,530	1,765	1,629	815	6	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160
7	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919	7	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023	8	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
Each Additional Household Member	5,408	451	226	208	104	Each Additional Household Member	7,696	642	321	296	148

Application forms are available at the school's website and at your child's school. Applications can be submitted at any time during the school year. If a household member becomes unemployed or the household size or income changes during the school year, parents are encouraged to contact the school so that all children receive the proper benefits. For the school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information listed on the application: names of all household members; household income received by each household member; type of income; frequency of income such as weekly, every two weeks, twice a month or monthly; and the signature and last four digits of the social security number of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct. The information provided by parents on the application will be kept confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility.

The school will advise parents of their child's eligibility within 10 working days of receipt of the application. Any parent dissatisfied with the eligibility determination may contact the school to request an informal conference or may appeal the decision by requesting a formal hearing. Parents may call the school for further information on the program.

Once determinations are completed, school officials are required to verify three percent of the approved free and reduced price applications on file.

Foster children are eligible for free meals or free milk. Households receiving assistance under NJ SNAP or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for their children will be notified of their eligibility for free benefits unless the household notifies the school that it chooses to decline benefits. Households receiving assistance under NJ SNAP or TANF should only submit an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by a specified date determined by the school.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; fax: (202) 690-7442; or email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

The following school districts and charter schools participate in these programs:

NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTICIPATING IN ONE OR MORE OF THE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM, AFTER SCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM, SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM, OR SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM INCLUDING SPLIT-SESSION MILK
DISTRICT/CHARTER SCHOOL
Alloway Township School District
Elsinboro Township School District
Lower Alloways Creek Township School District
Mannington Township School District
Oldmans Township School District
Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional School District
Pennsville Public School District
Pittsgrove Township School District
Quinton Township School District
Salem City Public Schools
Special Services School District of Salem County
Salem County Vocational Technical Schools
Upper Pittsgrove School District
Woodstown-Piles Grove Regional School District