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PLANO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## PLANO ISD ANNOUNCES FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL GUIDELINES

**Guidelines can be reviewed at all campuses upon request**

**PLANO, TEXAS, August 20, 2020** — Plano Independent School District announces its guidelines for providing free and reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2020-2021 school year. Each school/site or Food and Nutritional Services central office has a copy of the guidelines, which may be reviewed upon request by any interested party. Children from families whose income is at or below the level shown on the scale below are eligible for either free or reduced-price meals.

### Income Eligibility Guidelines for Determining Free and Reduced-price Benefits

Effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Household Size	Total Income									
	Annual		Monthly		Twice-Monthly		Bi-Weekly		Weekly	
No. of Household Members	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$16,588	\$23,606	\$1,383	\$1,968	\$692	\$984	\$638	\$908	\$319	\$454
2	\$22,412	\$31,894	\$1,868	\$2,658	\$934	\$1,329	\$862	\$1,227	\$431	\$614
3	\$28,236	\$40,182	\$2,353	\$3,349	\$1,177	\$1,675	\$1,086	\$1,546	\$543	\$773
4	\$34,060	\$48,470	\$2,839	\$4,040	\$1,420	\$2,020	\$1,310	\$1,865	\$655	\$933
5	\$39,884	\$56,758	\$3,324	\$4,730	\$1,662	\$2,365	\$1,534	\$2,183	\$767	\$1,092
6	\$45,708	\$65,046	\$3,809	\$5,421	\$1,905	\$2,711	\$1,758	\$2,502	\$879	\$1,251

7	\$51,532	\$73,334	\$4,295	\$6,112	\$2,148	\$3,056	\$1,982	\$2,821	\$991	\$1,411
8	\$57,356	\$81,622	\$4,780	\$6,802	\$2,390	\$3,401	\$2,206	\$3,140	\$1,103	\$1,570
9	\$63,180	\$89,910	\$5,266	\$7,493	\$2,633	\$3,747	\$2,430	\$3,459	\$1,215	\$1,730
10	\$69,004	\$98,198	\$5,752	\$8,184	\$2,876	\$4,093	\$2,654	\$3,778	\$1,327	\$1,890
11	\$74,828	\$106,486	\$6,238	\$8,875	\$3,119	\$4,439	\$2,878	\$4,097	\$1,439	\$2,050
12	\$80,652	\$114,774	\$6,724	\$9,566	\$3,362	\$4,785	\$3,102	\$4,416	\$1,551	\$2,210
For each additional family member, add	+\$5,824	+\$8,288	+\$486	+\$691	+\$243	+\$346	+\$224	+\$319	+\$112	+\$160

*These guidelines are based on 130% (free) and 185% (reduced) of the federal poverty guidelines and are effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.*

#### **Civil Rights Non-Discrimination Statement**

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Starting August 2020, Plano ISD will begin distributing letters to the households of the children in the district about eligibility benefits and any actions households need to take to apply for these benefits. Applications are available: on the internet at [www.schoolcafe.com/pisd](http://www.schoolcafe.com/pisd), your local campus, or at 6600 Alma Dr., Plano Texas 75023.

#### **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 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 the free and reduced-price meal application and return it to the front office of your student's campus. 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**

Plano ISD is working with local agencies to identify children who are categorically and program-eligible. Plano 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, but feels they should have, can complete an application.

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

### **Determining Eligibility**

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal guidelines, the Food and Nutritional Services office 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 Dr. Kary Cooper, Assistant Superintendent of District Services, 2700 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Plano TX 75075.

### **Unexpected Circumstances**

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should submit another application. 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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### **About Plano Independent School District**

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) ([www.pisd.edu](http://www.pisd.edu)) endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. Plano ISD is located 20 miles north of Dallas, Texas and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs more than 6,900 staff members who serve more than 53,000 students in 72 schools and 11 service facilities. Mission: Our Plano ISD learning community will educate, inspire and empower every student to activate their unique potential in a dynamic world.