

# **OAK LAWN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 229**

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Updated: July 27, 2020

## **RE: Free & Reduced Lunch/Fee Waiver Information**

Oak Lawn Community High School participants in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and offers free lunches or lunches at reduced rates for qualifying students. Students who qualify for a NSLP free lunch automatically receives an OLCBS registration fee waiver. NSLP free lunch criteria is based on one of the following items below. Reduced lunch criteria is solely based on monthly household income.

- The State of Illinois has provided us with a list of students who now receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly called Food Stamp Program)/TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) benefits. If your student's name was included in this list and the listed address is in District 229 boundaries, your student will receive a free lunch and the eligible fees will be waived and appear as a zero amount on your student's Skyward fee statement. Eligible fees are registration and a one-time hall and gym lock fee. If you currently receive SNAP/TANF and your student's fees have not been waived, please refer to the directions at the bottom of this page on how to apply.
- If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the income chart below (Please provide the items listed in the box below as proof of household income).
- Foster child, homeless, migrant, runaway, and Head Start youth are eligible.

### **INCOME CHART (Effective from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021)**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Free Lunch Criteria Monthly Income</b>	<b>Reduced Lunch Criteria Monthly Income</b>	<b>Important: If applying for a fee waiver and free/ reduced lunch based on your gross income, please supply a complete copy of your:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2019 Federal Income Tax Return</li><li>• W-2 Forms</li></ul>
2	\$1,868	\$2,658	
3	\$2,353	\$3,349	
4	\$2,839	\$4,040	
5	\$3,324	\$4,730	
6	\$3,809	\$5,421	
7	\$4,295	\$6,112	
8	\$4,780	\$6,802	
Each additional	+ \$486	+ \$691	

If your work status has changed since 2019 please also provide current proof of income (3 current pay stubs, unemployment letter, etc).

### **HOW TO APPLY**

- If you receive SNAP or TANF benefits for your student(s), and the Skyward fee statement does not show the eligible fees as waived, **you must provide documentation from the Illinois Department of Human Services that lists your address, student's name/birthdate, and the benefits received. The documentation must be dated no earlier than July 1, 2020. PLEASE NOTE: Medicaid Cards do not list SNAP or TANF case numbers.**
- One application per household for all students who attend Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 will be processed.
- If you need further assistance please call Mrs. Simpson, Administrative Assistant in the Oak Lawn Community High School Business Office at 708-741-5604; ksimpson@olchs.org.

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

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**VERIFICATION:** If applying for a fee waiver and free lunch based on your income, a completed copy of your 2019 Federal Income Tax Return and W-2 forms must be provided so school officials can determine eligibility. If your work status has changed since 2019 please also provide current proof of income (3 current pay stubs, unemployment letter, etc.).

**SPECIAL DIET:** All meals served must meet patterns established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. However, if a student has been determined by a doctor to have a disability and the disability would prevent the student from eating the regular school meal, this school will make substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. If you believe your student needs substitutions because of a disability, please contact my office for further information. Women, Infants and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** School officials use the information on the application to decide if your student(s) should receive free meal services and may disclose this information to other programs. In addition, the application information may be shared with All Kids\* if the parent or legal guardian does not decline and sign on the application. If a school wishes to share the application information for other services, they are required to obtain parental or legal guardian permission. This may be accomplished by asking the parent or legal guardian to complete *Sharing Information with Other Programs*. This form will identify each program(s) that school officials may share the application information and social security number with.

**REAPPLICATION:** You may apply for meals anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, such as a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, a household member becomes unemployed or receive SNAP or TANF for your student(s), you may reapply.

**APPEAL:** If your application was denied, you have the right to appeal to Superintendent Dr. Michael Riordan, 9400 Southwest Highway, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453; 708-741-5601.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex age, or disability. Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 800-795-3272 or 202-720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. McCurdy  
Assistant Superintendent/CSBO

Attachments: Instructions for Applying  
Application for Free Milk/Meal and Reduced-Price Meals

## FISCAL YEAR 2021 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The United States Department of Agriculture has issued the following income guidelines for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021:

Income Eligibility Guidelines Effective from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021											
Household Size	Free Meals 130% Federal Poverty Guideline					Household Size	Reduced-Price Meals 185% Federal Poverty Guideline				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly		Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	16,588	1,383	692	638	319	1	23,606	1,968	984	908	454
2	22,412	1,868	934	862	431	2	31,894	2,658	1,329	1,227	614
3	28,236	2,353	1,177	1,086	543	3	40,182	3,349	1,675	1,546	773
4	34,060	2,839	1,420	1,310	655	4	48,470	4,040	2,020	1,865	933
5	39,884	3,324	1,662	1,534	767	5	56,758	4,730	2,365	2,183	1,092
6	45,708	3,809	1,905	1,758	879	6	65,046	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
7	51,532	4,295	2,148	1,982	991	7	73,334	6,112	3,056	2,821	1,411
8	57,356	4,780	2,390	2,206	1,103	8	81,622	6,802	3,401	3,140	1,570
For each additional family member, add	5,824	486	243	224	112	For each additional family member, add	8,288	691	346	319	160

The following is the definition of income:

Income is defined as any monies earned before any deductions such as income taxes, social security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) monetary compensation for services including wages, salary, commissions, or fees; (2) net income from non-farm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) social security; (5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (6) net rental income; (7) public assistance or welfare payments; (8) unemployment compensation; (9) government civilian employee or military retirement or pensions or veteran payments; (10) private pensions or annuities; (11) alimony or child support payments; (12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (13) net royalties; and (14) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts, and other resources which would be available to pay the price of a child's meal.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING – COMPLETE ONE APPLICATION PER HOUSEHOLD PER SCHOOL DISTRICT

### IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES SNAP OR TANF BENEFITS, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL:

- Part 1:** List all household members, school and grade for each student, and a SNAP or TANF case number for any household member including adults receiving such benefits. (Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.)
- Part 2:** Skip this part.
- Part 3:** Skip this part.
- Part 4:** Sign the form. (The last four digits of a Social Security Number are not necessary.)
- Part 5 & 6:** Contact Information, and Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities: Answer these questions if you choose to. (Optional)

### IF NO ONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD GETS SNAP OR TANF BENEFITS AND IF ANY CHILD IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS HOMELESS, A MIGRANT OR RUNAWAY OR HEAD START/EVEN START, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTION AND RETURN THE COMPLETE FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL:

- Part 1:** List all household members and the name of school for each child.
- Part 2:** If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call your school.
- Part 3:** Complete only if a child in your household isn't eligible under Part 2. See instructions for All Other Households.
- Part 4:** Sign the form. Only if part 3 is completed, please include the last four digits of a Social Security Number. (or mark the box if s/he doesn't have one).
- Part 5 & 6:** Contact Information, and Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities: Answer these questions if you choose to. (Optional)

### IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A FOSTER CHILD, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL:

#### If all children in the household are foster children that are the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court:

- Part 1:** List all foster children and the school name for each child. Check the "Foster Child" box for each foster child.
- Part 2:** Skip this part.
- Part 3:** Skip this part.
- Part 4:** Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are not necessary.
- Part 5 & 6:** Contact Information, and Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities: Answer these questions if you choose to. (Optional)

#### If some of the children in the household are foster children that are the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court:

- Part 1:** List all household members and the name of school for each child. Check the "Foster Child" box for each foster child.
- Part 2:** If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call your school.
- Part 3:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month.
- **Box 1–Name:** List all household members with income.
  - **Box 2 –Gross Income and How Often It Was Received:** For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must tell us how often the money is received—weekly, every other week, twice a month or monthly. For earnings, be sure to list the gross income, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. For other income, list the amount each person got for the month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), and disability benefits. Under All Other Income, list Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income. Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. For ONLY the self-employed, under Earnings from Work, report income after expenses. This is for your business, farm, or rental property. If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or get combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.
- Part 4:** Adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (or mark the box if s/he doesn't have one).
- Part 5 & 6:** Contact Information, and Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities: Answer these questions if you choose to. (Optional)

### ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS INCLUDING MEDICAID AND WIC HOUSEHOLDS, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

- Part 1:** List all household members and the name of school for each child.
- Part 2:** If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call your school.
- Part 3:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month.
- **Box 1–Name:** List all household members with income.
  - **Box 2 –Gross Income and How Often It Was Received:** For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must tell us how often the money is received—weekly, every other week, twice a month or monthly. For earnings, be sure to list the gross income, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. For other income, list the amount each person got for the month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), and disability benefits. Under All Other Income, list Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income. Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. For ONLY the self-employed, under Earnings from Work, report income after expenses. This is for your business, farm, or rental property. Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC or Federal education benefits. If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or get combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.
- Part 4:** Adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (or mark the box if s/he doesn't have one).
- Part 5 & 6:** Contact Information, and Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities: Answer these questions if you choose to. (Optional)

Privacy Act Statement: **This explains how we will use the information you give us.** 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 price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (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 a social security number. 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. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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