

The USDA is extending free breakfast and lunch to all students for the 2021-2022 school year. Milk only purchases are \$.50. Ala Carte and Seconds will be available to purchase.

St. Michael-Albertville Schools Need Your Help- School meals are currently free, but we still need Free and Reduced applications filled out if you qualify.

Your impact: For families, the application determines eligibility for benefits including free and reduced-price meals, as well as other potential discounts for internet, AP testing and participation in athletics, activities, etc.

District impact: For the school district, the applications - and specifically how many families qualify for benefits - generate additional school funding. This funding provides additional academic and general support for students.

Why apply? The benefits are available to all qualifying students/families and support various circumstances. Not sure you are eligible or don't see the need this year? Your submission still matters! By completing an application before October 1, 2021 you can ensure that your school is set up for success.

Why now? Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and free USDA meals that are presently available for all students, fewer families have completed applications than in a typical year. With fewer applications not submitted, it means the district could lose significant revenue. Revenue that's normally provided when applications are submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education. If 100% of families apply before October 1, 2021, we can ensure all available funding is dispersed in the upcoming school year - which provides much needed support to our students, families and the district.

Qualifying families may also be eligible for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program. [Click here for more information](#)

How can I apply?

A new application must be submitted each school year. Visit the district website to apply online [Apply online](#) or for a printable paper copy [Print here](#)

If you'd like a paper application mailed to you, please contact tammyb@mystma.org or contact Tammy Beack at 763-497-3180 ext. 5128

Attention all Kindergarten families, new enrollments and current families that are interested in Summer P-EBT benefits.

If you qualify for free or reduced-price meals you are eligible for P-EBT benefits. These benefits are provided by Federal "Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer" funds (P-EBT) and will be provided to any family who qualifies for free and reduced-price meals this summer.

If you qualified for Free and Reduced benefits during the 2020-21 school year and are receiving P-EBT benefits you will continue to receive summer P-EBT benefits. If your child has since changed districts you will need to fill out another Free and Reduced Application out for the 2021-2022 school year.

If you did not apply for free and reduced benefits prior to June 30, 2021 or are newly enrolled in the district, you can still fill an application out to see if you qualify for summer P-EBT benefits (**deadline to apply is September 3, 2021**).

At this time the USDA has not determined whether or not P-EBT benefits will continue into the 2021-22 school year.