

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from RI SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or RI TANF, are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$ 27,861	\$2,322	\$ 536
2	\$ 37,814	\$ 3,152	\$ 728
3	\$ 47,767	\$ 3,981	\$ 919
4	\$ 57,720	\$ 4,810	\$ 1,110
5	\$ 67,673	\$ 5,640	\$ 1,302
6	\$ 77,626	\$ 6,469	\$ 1,493
7	\$ 87,579	\$ 7,299	\$ 1,685
8	\$ 97,532	\$ 8,128	\$ 1,876
Each additional person	+\$9,953	+\$830	+\$192

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY?

Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe that children in your household meet these descriptions and you have not been told your children will get free meals, please contact Ms. Murray at KMurray@fgschools.com or 401.710.7500.

3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?

No. Only one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application is needed for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, please be sure to fill out all required

information. Return the completed application to: Ms. Travis at 137 Anan Wade Road; Glocester, RI 02857 or email ltravis@fgschools.com.

4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?

No. Please read the letter you received carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, please contact Ms. Travis at 401.710.7500 extension 3183 or email ltravis@fgschools.com

5. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE?

Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year through September 30, 2024. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

6. I RECEIVE WIC CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.

7. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?

Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

8. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?

Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

9. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?

You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Ms. Travis at 137 Anan Wade Road, Glocester, RI 02857; Telephone No. 401.710.7500; or email ltravis@fgschools.com.

10. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?

Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.

11. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?

List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900.00 (nine hundred dollars), put down that you made \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime some times. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

12. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT?

Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 (zero) in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeros. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, we will assume you meant to do so.

13. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY, DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY?

Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

14. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY?

List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application.
Contact Ms. Travis; 137 Anan Wade Road, Glocester, RI 02857; Telephone No. 401.710.7500; or email
ltravis@fgschools.com

15. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?

Your family may be eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or other programs. To find out if you qualify or to learn more, contact the URI SNAP Outreach Project at 1.866.306.0220.