

**PUBLIC RELEASE**

Georgetown Public Schools is announcing its policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free or reduced price meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

Breakfast costs **\$1.60** at PB & GMHS. Lunch costs **\$3.00** at Penn Brook Elementary and **\$3.25** at GMHS.

Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is **\$0.40** for lunch and **\$0.30** for breakfast.

Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. **WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?**
  - a. All children in households receiving benefits from **MA SNAP** or **MA TANF** are eligible for free meals.
  - b. Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
  - c. Children participating in their school’s Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
  - d. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
  - e. 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.

<b>FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2020-2021</b>			
<b>Household size</b>	<b>Yearly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
1	23,606	1,968	454
2	31,894	2,658	614
3	40,182	3,349	773
4	48,470	4,040	933
5	56,758	4,730	1,092
6	65,046	5,421	1,251
7	73,334	6,112	1,411
8	81,662	6,802	1,570
Each additional person:	+8,288	+691	+160

If you **have** received a **NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION** from Georgetown Public Schools for the 2020-2021 school year, you **do not** need to complete an application. Please notify the school if any children in the household are not listed on the **NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION** letter you received.

Georgetown Public School families who were eligible for free or reduced meals for 2019-2020 school year must submit a new application for their children on or before October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to continue to receive free or reduced meals for the 2020-2021 school year.

Applications are accepted at any time during the school year and will be effective when approved by the Food Service Office. Applications are available on the Georgetown Food Service website and are available at the main office of each school. If you would like to request an application be sent to you in the mail or email please call the Food Service Office at 978-352-5777 x106 or email at [brousseau@georgetown.k12.ma.us](mailto:brousseau@georgetown.k12.ma.us)

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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
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- (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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