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Meal Program Information 2023-2024

On March 17, 2023, Governor Walz signed the MN Free School Meals bill into law. The MN Free School Meals Program is a permanent program that provides state reimbursement to schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program so that students can have one breakfast and one lunch at no cost at school. The Free School Meals Program began on July 1, 2023.

What is the Minnesota Free School Meals Program?

The Minnesota Free School Meals Program provides state reimbursement to schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program so that students can have one breakfast and one lunch at no cost at school.

Do I still need to complete the Application for Educational Benefits?

It is important for families to complete the Application for Educational Benefits. Applications for Educational Benefits determine how much funding your child's school receives for educational programs and supports. Additionally, eligible families can qualify for other benefits, such as:

- WIC Benefits
- Metro Transits' Transit Assistance Program
- FCC Affordable Connectivity Program/Reduced price internet programs
- Some summer camps, athletics programs and/or child cares offer scholarships or discounts.

What is included in the MN Free School Meals Program?

- At breakfast, the student must choose at least 3 items to be counted as a reimbursable meal. The student must choose a ½ cup serving of fruit or vegetable as part of their breakfast.
- At lunch, the student must choose at least 3 components to be counted as a reimbursable meal. The student must choose a ½ cup serving of fruit or vegetable as part of their lunch.

Nova Classical Academy offers fresh and nutritious breakfast and lunch free of charge to all K-12 students. CKC Good Food is our partner in providing delicious meals to our Nova Classical community.

Educational Benefits are available at Nova Classical; we encourage all families to apply for Educational Benefits regardless of whether you think your family will qualify. Applications for Educational Benefits can be found on the Nova website, the Infinite Campus parent portal and the main office.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns, Kim Hyvarinen at khyvarinen@novaclassical.org.

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