



To: Parent or Guardian

From: Michael L. Andreshak,
Director of Business Services

Re: **Free Milk/Lunch & Student Fee Waivers**

If you are going to apply for the Free Milk and Lunch and Fee Waiver, **please fill out the attached forms and return them to the Administration Building after July 1st** along with the following documentation.

- If you are receiving **SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), Income Eligible Medicaid** or **Foster Child**, documentation must be provided as proof of receiving assistance. A copy of a letter from the Department of Human Services showing the student(s) name, current address and a valid case number must be attached to the application. Medical cards do not show proof of receiving SNAP or TANF, therefore **medical cards do not qualify the student for Free Milk/Lunch and the Fee Waiver.**
- If your student(s) is on **Medicaid**, a copy of your **2023 income tax form** in which all household members are claimed is required.
- If your student is a **Foster Child**, you must provide the Business Office with official documentation from the agency sponsoring the child.
- If you are claiming **Low Income**, a copy of your **2023 income tax** form in which all household members are claimed must be attached to your application along with any W-2's or other documentation that indicate the amount of money your household receives from each source of income (including, but not limited to, Paycheck Stubs, Social Security, Pensions, Unemployment, Disability, Workers' Compensation, Welfare Payments, Child Support, Alimony and Rental Income) for each person in the household receiving income.
- If **No Taxes** were filed, contact IRS 1-800-829-1040 and request a letter of non-filing. Along with this letter, attach evidence of all current gross income. If you have no income, please provide a letter explaining how you provide food, clothing, and housing for your household.

In accordance with the Policy of the Board of Education, the Fee Waiver includes all charges for required instructional materials, charges for required field trips, gym suits, and school locks. The Waiver **does not** include graduation fees, library fines, lost or damaged book fees, yearbook fees, camps, charges for school pictures, admission to school social events and transportation fees.

You will be notified when your application is approved. If for some reason your application is not approved, you will also be notified.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need proper nutrition to learn. **Kirby School District 140** offers healthy milk every school day. Your child(ren) may qualify for free milk and/or meals. To apply for free milk and/or meals, use the Household Eligibility Application, which is enclosed. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. If you do not qualify for free milk and/or meals, the current prices are: Milk \$25.

Return the completed application to: **District Administration Building- Kirby School District 140.**

Your child(ren) may qualify for free milk and/or meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025)					
Household Size	Free Meals 130% Federal Poverty Guideline				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	19,578	1,632	816	753	377
2	26,572	2,215	1,108	1,022	511
3	33,566	2,798	1,399	1,291	646
4	40,560	3,380	1,690	1,560	780
5	47,554	3,963	1,982	1,829	915
6	54,548	4,546	2,273	2,098	1,049
7	61,542	5,129	2,565	2,367	1,184
8	68,536	5,712	2,856	2,636	1,318
For each additional family member, add	6,994	583	292	269	135

1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free milk and/or meals. Use one Household Eligibility Application for all students in your household per district. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to the school.
2. WHO CAN GET FREE MILK AND/OR MEALS? All children in households receiving benefits from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and/or are foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant also qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please contact your school to see if your child(ren) qualifies.
3. A MEMBER OF MY HOUSEHOLD RECEIVED SNAP OR TANF BENEFITS. THE SCHOOL SENT A LETTER/FORM STATING THAT MY CHILD IS AUTOMATICALLY APPROVED FOR FREE MILK AND/OR MEALS BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION. DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING MORE TO ENSURE THAT MY CHILD RECEIVES FREE MILK AND/OR MEALS? Yes. You need to return the Direct Certification form to the Business Department. If you have students not listed on the letter, contact the Business Department immediately. If you do not wish to receive the free meals, you should follow the steps outlined in the form.
4. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
5. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MILK AND/OR MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free milk and/or meals. Please fill out the enclosed application.
6. 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 children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please contact your school.
7. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof.
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 the person listed above.
10. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply.
11. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
13. 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 IN THE FIELD. HOWEVER, IF ANY INCOME FIELDS ARE LEFT EMPTY OR BLANK, THOSE WILL ALSO BE COUNTED AS ZEROES. PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHEN LEAVING INCOME FIELDS BLANK, AS WE WILL ASSUME YOU MEANT TO DO SO.
14. 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.
15. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP, TANF or other assistance benefits, contact your local Department of Human Services office or call (800) 843-6154 (voice) or (800) 447-6404 (TTY).

Sincerely,

KSD 140 Business Department

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.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Check if Error Prone Application

1. All Household Members (Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.)

NAMES OF ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS First, Middle Initial, Last	(For Student only) School Name	(For Student only) Grade	SNAP OR TANF CASE NUMBER ONLY Skip to Part 4 if you list a SNAP or TANF case number. At least one SNAP/TANF must be provided below. If you receive Medicaid and were not directly certified for free meals, you MUST apply based on household size and income.								Check if Foster Child*
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* A foster child is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court.

2. Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, or Head Start (Categorically eligible)

Homeless Migrant Runaway Head Start

Signature of Your School Homeless Liaison, Migrant Coordinator, or Head Start Director _____

Date _____

3. Total Household Gross Income (before deductions) You must tell us how much and how often.

A. NAMES (LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WITH INCOME)	GROSS INCOME AND HOW OFTEN IT WAS RECEIVED (Example: \$100/month; \$100 /twice a month; \$100/every other week; \$100/week)							
	B. Earnings From Work (Before Deductions)		C. Welfare, Child Support, Alimony		D. Pensions, Retirement, Social Security		E. Worker's Comp., Unemployment, SSI, etc. (All other income)	
	Amount	How often?	Amount	How often?	Amount	How often?	Amount	How often?
i.	\$		\$		\$		\$	
ii.	\$		\$		\$		\$	
iii.	\$		\$		\$		\$	
iv.	\$		\$		\$		\$	
v.	\$		\$		\$		\$	

4. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign)

An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list the last four digits of his or her social security number or mark the *I do not have a social security number* box.

X X X - X X - _____
Social Security Number

I do not have a social security number.

I certify (promise) all information on this application is true and all income is reported. I understand the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted.

Date _____

Printed Name of Adult Household Member _____

Signature of Adult Household Member _____

5. Contact Information (Optional)

Work Telephone Number (Include Area Code) _____ Home Telephone Number (Include Area Code) _____ Home Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code) _____

6. Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities (Optional)

Mark one ethnic identity:

- Hispanic/Latino
- Not Hispanic/Latino

Mark one or more racial identities:

- Asian
- Black or African American
- White
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

— THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ARE FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY —

INITIAL DETERMINATION

TOTAL INCOME \$ _____ Per: Week Every 2 Weeks Twice a Month Month Year NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD: _____ CHANGE IN STATUS: _____ Date _____

LEAs must annualize income only when multiple incomes, at varying frequencies, are reported.

Annual Income Conversion Weekly X 52 Every 2 Weeks X 26 Twice a Month X 24 Once a Month X 12

Free based on:

- homeless
- migrant
- runaway
- Head Start

SNAP or TANF

- foster child
- household's income

Reduced based on:

- household's income

Denied—Reason:

- income too high
- incomplete application
- Non-qualifying SNAP/TANF

Date Withdrawn: _____

Signature of Determining Official _____

Date: _____

KIRBY SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
Tinley Park, IL 60477

FREE MILK/LUNCH & FEE WAIVER APPROVAL FORM

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Free Milk & Lunch Milk only Lunch only Milk preference: White Chocolate

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*If you **do not** want your student(s) to receive the free lunch and you will be providing them with their own lunch, please check the box below.*

I **do not need** the free lunch and will provide the above-named child(ren) with a lunch.

Parent or Guardian Name

Signature

Date

For School Use Only – Do Not Fill Out

Free Milk/Lunch Approved

Free Milk/Lunch Not Approved

Fee Waiver Approved

Fee Waiver Not Approved

____ *insufficient proof of food stamps*
____ *income over eligibility guidelines*
____ *incomplete application*

Director of Business Services' Signature

Date

The free milk and/or lunch is scheduled to begin on _____. If at any time your student no longer wishes to receive the free lunch, please contact your student's school.