

Augusta School Nutrition Program

40 Pierce Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330
Tel. (207) 626-2468 Ext. 1141 or 1142

School Year 2021-2022

Dear Parents and/or Guardians of Augusta School Children:

Our school offers healthy meals every school day. *We are happy to announce that school meals will continue to be complimentary to any student—regardless of family income eligibility.*

Please encourage your students to take advantage of the FREE Breakfast & Lunch meals available to them each day at school, it is convenient, healthy & no cost. Meal benefits only apply to the reimbursable meal. If a student takes milk only, this is not a reimbursable meal and the student will be charged for the milk as an a la carte item unless they choose 2 other meal items with the Milk (Fruits &/or Veg), then milk would be No Charge.

Meals must meet nutrition standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. If a child has a disability, as determined by a licensed medical authority, and the disability prevents the child from eating the regular school meal, substitutions may be made as prescribed by a licensed medical authority. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. Please note, however, that the school is not required to make a substitution, unless it meets the definition of disability and supported by a complete medical statement form signed by the local medical authority. Please call the school nutrition program for further information.

Even though school meals are FREE, we still encourage parents to complete the School Meal Application. This application can help our School District in several ways. There are benefits including decreased or waived testing fees, federal funding to the District, with grant applications, Title 1 Funding and more! You can **APPLY ONLINE** easily at: schoollunchapp.com If you do not have online access you may call the SNP Office, 626-2468 x-1141 OR contact your school office for a paper application.

We would like to remind you that any outstanding School Meal balances from previous years must still be paid. Your cafeteria will be sending home bill letters with students during the school year. Please contact our office or your school cafeteria manager for more information. You may pay bills online at www.Paypams.com

If your family needs more help, there other programs you can apply for. If you would like information about Food Supplement, Health Care, Cash Assistance, and/or apply for Maine's Child Care Subsidy, go to [My Maine Connection](http://MyMaineConnection) found online at <https://www1.maine.gov/benefits/account/login.html>. For low cost health insurance information, contact Consumers for Affordable Health Care (CAHC) at 1-800-965-7476.

If you have any questions about our School Nutrition Program, please call the SNP Office at 626-2468 Ext 1141 or 1142.

Sincerely,

Maureen Thompson

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Director, School Nutrition

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 submit all needed information, 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 primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. 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](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), (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. The Maine Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination because of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, genetic information, religion, ancestry or national origin. Complaints of discrimination must be filed at the office of the Maine Human Rights Commission, 51 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0051. If you wish to file a discrimination complaint electronically, visit the Human Rights Commission website at <https://www.maine.gov/mhrc/file/instructions> and complete an intake questionnaire. Maine is an equal opportunity provider and employer. (Federal Statement Revised 1/3/2020)