

***NOW* is the time to apply  
for Free or Reduced-Price school meals  
for the 2011-2012 school year!**

School meal applications are available at all school campuses or at the Nutrition Services Office. Only one application per household is required including foster children. Applications are not available online and cannot be photocopied or faxed. Instructions for completion are on the back of the application and additional information, including the USDA Income Guidelines, is available by clicking this link:

**[Parent Information Letter](#)**. A current school year application for Free and Reduced-Price school meals for the Tacoma School District must be submitted annually.

If you received a **DSHS letter** directly certifying your child to receive Free school meals, **no** application is required. If some of your children were not listed on that letter, they may also be eligible for Free school meals by contacting the Nutrition Services Office.

If your child has recently changed from Free or Reduced-Price to full price (the grace period ended October 26th), an application for this school year is needed. Your child will continue to be charged full price until an application for this school year is processed in the Nutrition Services office. Lunch charges incurred during this time will still be owed, a change to Free or Reduced-price after your application has been processed is not retro-active.

Elementary and Middle School students are eligible to charge meals up to a set monetary limit. The point-of-sale system will let cashiers know when that limit has been exceeded. (*High School* students cannot charge meals). Charged meals are a regular breakfast and/or lunch. Once a student has reached the maximum allowed meal charges the student must pay with cash, check, or credit/debit card online through: [Lunch Money Now](#) or receive an emergency meal of a peanut butter or cheese sandwich and white milk.

**For *FASTEST* service submit Applications by mail or in person to:**

**TPS Nutrition Services Office**

**3321 S Union Avenue**

**Tacoma, WA 98409**

**253-571-3370**

Applications may also be submitted to your children's school where they will be routed to the Nutrition Services Office for central processing. We will notify you of determination by mail.

State legislated funding: Students in **grades K – 3** who **qualify for Reduced-Price** school meals will receive **lunch at no cost**. Students at **ALL** grade levels who qualify for Reduced-Price meals will receive ***breakfast*** at no cost.