

Johnson County Central Public Schools

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Johnson County Central School is participating in the USDA's waiver which allows schools to operate the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Year 2021-2022.

What this means for you:

Your student will receive meals at no cost for the entire 2021-2022 school year.

Please complete the enclosed income eligibility application. Although your student will be receiving meals at no cost, completion of the application is important for the following reasons:

- **P-EBT Benefits:** Households may be eligible for Pandemic-EBT benefits through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. P-EBT benefits are based in part on eligibility for Free and Reduced-Price meals.
- **Fee Waivers and Health Insurance:** Student Free and Reduced-Price meal eligibility can be shared with other programs (with parental consent) for the purposes of fee waivers, scholarships, Medicaid and SCHIP.
- **School Benefits:** Your school receives State and local funding based on the number of students eligible for Free and Reduced-Price meals.

Important: Your student(s) will continue to receive meals at no cost for the 2021-22 school year regardless of the eligibility determination of your household's SY2021-22 application.

Why should your household verify student eligibility for free/reduced price meals this year since your student(s) is/are currently receiving meals at no cost for the 2021-22 school year?

- If confirmed, your free or reduced-price benefit (based on the meal application you submitted this year) will carryover up to 30 operating days into SY 2022-23.
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Important: All students will continue to receive free meals for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year no matter the outcome of the confirmation of benefits of your household's SY2021-22 meal application.

Please submit the information requested on the enclosed letter.