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Annual Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced-Price Meals Announced

Guidelines for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, Child and Adult Care Food Programs released

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Barre, VT. – The Vermont Agency of Education Child Nutrition Program today announced the updated income eligibility guidelines for free or reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), the After-School Snack Program (ASP), and the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

This is an annual update from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The income guidelines are updated annually to reflect the federal poverty level.

These income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The following household size and income guidelines will be used to determine eligibility:

Household Size	Free					Reduced Price				
	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	15,678	1,307	654	603	302	22,311	1,860	930	859	430
2	21,112	1,760	880	812	406	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
3	26,546	2,213	1,107	1,021	511	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727
4	31,980	2,665	1,333	1,230	615	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
5	37,414	3,118	1,559	1,439	720	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024
6	42,848	3,571	1,786	1,648	824	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
7	48,282	4,024	2,012	1,857	929	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
8	53,716	4,477	2,239	2,066	1,033	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471
For each additional household member add	5,434	453	227	209	105	7,733	645	323	298	149

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Children who are eligible for reduced-price meals will receive breakfast and lunch at no additional charge through state support of school nutrition programs.

The Agency of Education will provide a list of participating schools and programs upon request.

For more information about school meals programs, eligibility, or complaint procedures, please contact: Laurie Colgan, Director, Child Nutrition Programs. (802) 479-1187 or Laurie.Colgan@vermont.gov.

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