



Paulding School Nutrition 2024-2025



Meal Benefit Information

- Apply online at <https://pcnutrition.nlappscloud.com>
- Paper applications available at each school or can be printed at www.paulding.k12.ga.us
- Once your application has been processed your Eligibility Notification will be sent to your email address.
- Save a copy for future reference.
- Check income guidelines below.



Reduced Income Guidelines						Free Income Guidelines					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice A Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice A Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	27,861	2,322	1,161	1,072	536	1	19,578	1,632	816	753	377
2	37,814	3,152	1,576	1,455	728	2	26,572	2,215	1,108	1,022	511
3	47,767	3,981	1,991	1,838	919	3	33,566	2,798	1,399	1,291	646
4	57,720	4,810	2,405	2,220	1,110	4	40,560	3,380	1,690	1,560	780
5	67,673	5,640	2,820	2,603	1,302	5	47,554	3,963	1,982	1,829	915
6	77,626	6,469	3,235	2,986	1,493	6	54,548	4,546	2,273	2,098	1,049
7	87,579	7,299	3,650	3,369	1,685	7	61,542	5,129	2,565	2,367	1,184
8	97,532	8,128	4,064	3,752	1,876	8	68,536	5,712	2,856	2,636	1,318
For each additional member add	9,953	830	415	383	192	For each Additional member add	6,994	583	292	269	135

Set up a free www.Myschoolbucks.com account to:

- Monitor what your student is purchasing.
- Set up low balance email alerts.
- Make payments anytime or set up autopay. There is a \$2.95 transaction fee per school.

Additional Information:

- Check (up to \$300) or Cash can be sent in with your student. Label envelope with student name/I.D. #
- Ala Carte items are available for purchase from your student's account.
- Donations are accepted at each school.
- Email mealbenefits@paulding.k12.ga.us for assistance.

2024-2025 Meal Prices	Elementary	Middle & High
Breakfast	\$1.40	\$1.40
Reduced Breakfast	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lunch	\$2.15	\$2.40
Reduced Lunch	\$0.00	\$0.00

Georgia state funding is covering the cost of reduced priced meals SY 24-25.

School Level	Charge Limit
Elementary	\$17.75
Middle	\$19.00
High	\$19.00
Adults	No Charges Permitted

Check out the Nutrition block at www.paulding.k12.ga.us

Nutrition Portal (information from the Nutrition Department)
Online meal payments (My School Bucks information)
Online meal application (free/reduced meal application)
Nutrition careers (learn how you can become part of our amazing team)



Returned check: \$37.00
 Contact Envision at
 1-877-290-5460 for all insufficient check information.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS 2024-2025

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Paulding County School District** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.40**; lunch costs **\$2.15 for Elementary** and **\$2.40 for Middle & High**. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.** Reduced price is **\$.00** for breakfast and **\$.00** for lunch. You can request a paper meal application at any school. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. **Who can get free or reduced price meals?** All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP** or **TANF** are eligible for free meals. **Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.** Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits are on the chart, on the front of this flyer.
2. **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 call, or email **Paulding County School District, homeless liaison, or migrant coordinator at 770-443-8000 Ext:10264 or dearnhart@paulding.k12.ga.us.**
3. **Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** **No, apply online** or use one *Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information.
4. **Should I fill out an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are already approved for free meals?** **No,** but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If you have questions call **Judy Kropfelter at 770-443-8003 Ext 20152 or email Mealbenefits@paulding.k12.ga.us.**
5. **Can I apply online?** **Yes!** You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit <https://pcnutrition.nlappscloud.com> to learn more about and fill out the online application. Contact mealbenefits@paulding.k12.ga.us or **770-443-8003 Ext: 20152** if you have any questions about the online application.
6. **My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out a new one?** **Yes.** Your child's application is only good for that school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
7. **I get WIC. Can my children get free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application online at <https://pcnutrition.nlappscloud.com>
8. **Will the information I give be checked?** **Yes.** We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
9. **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.
10. **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 Gary Plunkett at (770) 443-8000, 3236 Atlanta Highway, Dallas, GA 30132.
11. **May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** **Yes.** You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.
12. **What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1,000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1,000 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. **What if there isn't enough space on the application for my family?** List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application or contact any Paulding County School to receive a second application.
16. **My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?** To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-877-423-4746.**

If you have other questions or need help, contact Judy Kropfelter at 770.443.8003, extension 20152 or mealbenefits@paulding.k12.ga.us .

Sincerely,
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