

**PUBLIC RELEASE
FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS**

Bigfork School District #38 announces the 2021-22 policy for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals for students whose schools participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture **National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program**. The complete policy is on file in the central office and may be reviewed by any interested party.

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown in the following chart may be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

Federal Income Chart

Household Size	Free Meals – 130%					Reduced-Price Meals – 185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice a Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice a Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$16,744	\$1,396	\$698	\$644	\$322	\$23,828	\$1,986	\$993	\$917	\$459
2	\$22,646	\$1,888	\$944	\$871	\$436	\$32,227	\$2,686	\$1,343	\$1,240	\$620
3	\$28,548	\$2,379	\$1,190	\$1,098	\$549	\$40,626	\$3,386	\$1,693	\$1,563	\$782
4	\$34,450	\$2,871	\$1,436	\$1,325	\$663	\$49,025	\$4,086	\$2,043	\$1,886	\$943
5	\$40,352	\$3,363	\$1,682	\$1,552	\$776	\$57,424	\$4,786	\$2,393	\$2,209	\$1,105
6	\$46,254	\$3,855	\$1,928	\$1,779	\$890	\$65,823	\$5,486	\$2,743	\$2,532	\$1,266
7	\$52,156	\$4,347	\$2,174	\$2,006	\$1,003	\$74,222	\$6,186	\$3,093	\$2,855	\$1,428
8	\$58,058	\$4,829	\$2,420	\$2,233	\$1,117	\$82,621	\$6,886	\$3,443	\$3,178	\$1,589
For each additional family member, add	\$5,902	\$492	\$246	\$227	\$114	\$8,399	\$700	\$350	\$324	\$162

Application forms will be sent to each home with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. If a household is eligible for SNAP, the household will receive a Direct Certification letter from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services in the mail. **This letter may be used in place of the school meals application.**

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. Households will be notified of eligibility determination. At any time during the school year, program officials may verify an application. Households dissatisfied with the ruling of the officials have the right to a fair hearing. This may be done by calling or writing to:

_____ Mr Tom Stack _____ 600 Commerce Bigfork, Mt _____ 406-837-7400 _____
Hearing Official Address Telephone

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