



Murray City School District

David Trujillo, Nutrition Program Supervisor
dtrujillo@murrayschools.org

Julie Lawrence, Nutrition Program Secretary
jlawrence@murrayschools.org

Free and Reduced Meal Benefit Information

- Meal benefit applications are distributed in enrollment packets and must be completed every year that your child is attending our school district and needs Free and Reduced Meal benefits.
- Only one application needs to be filled out per family.
- Students who received benefits the prior school year are given carry over benefits for the first 30 days of school to avoid a lapse in benefits. Many families neglect to complete a new application at the beginning of each year when their child has previously received free or reduced price meals. These benefits are temporary and must be reapplied for each year. Please complete the application and return with your other back to school forms.
- Approval for benefits is not immediate. Meal benefit applications are processed in the order they were received and may take up to 10 days to process at the beginning of the school year. No application will be effective the same day as processed. All applications will be effective the following day. Parents should wait for a letter by mail to confirm that the application has been processed. Parents are responsible to send a meal from home or pay full price for meals until the application process is complete.
- Students transferring from another district with pre-existing benefits need to fill out another application or obtain an approved copy from the previous school district. School districts do not have the capability to share this confidential information.
- Families receiving Food Stamps may turn in the letter received in July from the State Of Utah in lieu of filling out the meal benefit application. This letter specifically needs to have a green flame watermark over the center of the page. Any other document is not acceptable.
- Families accepted for meal benefits are approved for the school year. Notification of changes in the household is not necessary, although additional applications may be filled out at any time if benefits may change in your favor, i.e. reduced price to free – or full pay to reduced price, or free.