

Free and Reduced Lunch Program 2022-2023

BCCU2 offers free and reduced-price school meals to students from households that meet the federal income guidelines to qualify under the National School Lunch Programs. All meals provided meet the U.S.D.A. requirements. Detailed information regarding which items are included in a Free or Reduced lunch will be included with acceptance letters. The current 2021-2022 reduced price - which may be subject to change for 2022-2023 - is \$0.30 for the breakfast meal and \$0.40 for the lunch meal.

Application instructions for the 2022-2023 school year will be available after July 1, 2022 on the district website, www.bccu2.org. Per Illinois State Board of Education guidelines, applications may not be distributed or accepted before this date. In July, an email will be sent to all families to inform them that the application is available.

Students currently receiving food stamps (SNAP) or “Temporary Assistance for Needy Families” (TANF) do not need to fill out an application if the family **receives a pre-certification letter from the district in July or August**. If no letter is received, an application listing the SNAP or TANF case number will need to be completed. Please note that participation in the Illinois All-Kids medical program is not a qualifier for acceptance in the National School Lunch Program although some families may be pre-certified based on the income reported to the state on the Illinois All-Kids or Medicaid application.

Students who qualified for Free or Reduced lunches in the past based on Household Income must reapply each year. All students who qualified for Free or Reduced lunches for the 2021-2022 school year will retain their prior year Free or Reduced status as a carry-over for 30 school days through September 30 or until new eligibility status is determined by the current year application.

Fee Waivers 2022-2023

Students who qualify for Free lunch for the 2022-2023 school year are entitled to a waiver of school fees during the regular school year. Please note that “school fees” do not include: regular school supplies, library fines, replacements for lost or damaged items, charges for class rings, yearbooks, pictures, diploma covers or similar items, charges for optional travel undertaken by a school club or group of students outside of school hours, and admission charges for dances, athletic events or other social events.

Please contact your school upon receipt of your acceptance letter if you choose to accept the fee waiver and wish to request a refund of any prepaid qualifying fees.