

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn, and the Oconomowoc Area School District offers healthy meals every school day. ***Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.***

OASD 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR MEAL PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Elementary Breakfast: \$1.75 (reduced \$.30)

Elementary Lunch: \$2.80 (reduced \$.40)

Intermediate Breakfast: \$1.75 (reduced \$.30)

Intermediate Lunch: Tiered meal structure \$2.80/\$3.50/\$4.25 (reduced \$.40)

REMINDER FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR AT OCONOMOWOC HIGH SCHOOL:

Breakfast and lunch Raccoon Combo Meals are available for purchase for \$3.65 at breakfast and \$5.50 at lunch. Raccoon Combo Meals rotate daily at each of our serving stations. **These meals are available to all students and will be the meal of choice for students who qualify for either free or reduced meals.** Additional a la carte items for cash purchase are sold separately to all students who put together their own meal or add a side to their Raccoon Combo Meal.

Oconomowoc High School is not part of the National School Lunch Program, so there is a separate set of requirements to qualify for free or reduced meals for high school students only. This packet includes 2 separate Household Income Forms for free or reduced-price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. One form is for children in Elementary or Intermediate Schools, the other is for High School students only. **If you have a child in elementary or intermediate school and a child in high school, you will need to fill out both forms.** If you have a student(s) in elementary and a student(s) in intermediate, you will need to fill out the USDA Application Form. You only need to fill out both forms if you have a child in high school and a child in elementary or intermediate, see question #3 below.

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

Who Can Get Free or Reduced-Price Meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from FoodShare, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or W-2 cash benefits 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 participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may qualify to receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.

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FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2024-2025			
Household size	Yearly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Weekly (\$)
1	27,861	2,322	536
2	37,814	3,152	728
3	47,767	3,981	919
4	57,720	4,810	1,110
5	67,673	5,640	1,302
6	77,626	6,469	1,493
7	87,579	7,299	1,685
8	97,532	8,128	1,876
Each additional person:	9,953	830	192

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 have not been told your children will get free meals, please call or email Aramark.Foodservice@oasd.org or call (262)-560-2148 immediately.

Do I Need to Fill Out an Application for Each Child?

No. 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. Return the completed application to Aramark.Foodservice@oasd.org or call (262)-560-2148 immediately.

Should I Fill Out an Application if I Received a Letter This School Year Saying My Children are Already Approved for Free or Reduced-Price Meals?

Please read the letter you received carefully and follow the instructions. If your letter indicated you qualify for free meals, then no application is needed. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Aramark.Foodservice@oasd.org or call (262)-560-2148 immediately. If your household has automatically qualified for reduced meals based on Medicare, we encourage you to complete an application to potentially qualify for free meals based on household size and income.

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 your OASD online Family Access account to begin or to learn more about the online application process. To reach your Family Access account, visit www.oasd.org, then click the Skyward link in the upper right corner. Contact our office by email Aramark.Foodservice@oasd.org or call (262)-560-2148 if you have any questions about the online application.

Declaracion de Traducción: Estamos trabajando diligentemente para traducir nuestros documentos al español. Por favor comuníquese con la escuela de su hijo para aclaración. Si todavía necesitas aclaración, por favor comuníquese con Translate@oasd.org.

Nondiscrimination: The Oconomowoc Area School District provides assurance that no student is discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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 and for the first few days of this school year, through **October 1, 2024**. You must send in a new application unless you received confirmation 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.**

I Get WIC. Can My Children Get Free Meals?

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, but it is based on income. Please send in an application.

My Child(ren) Qualifies for BadgerCare Plus or Medicaid. Can My Child Get Free Meals?

Children with BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, or subsidized insurance may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, but it is based on income. Please send in an application.

Will the Information I Give be Checked?

Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

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.

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 Aramark.Foodservice@oasd.org or call (262)-560-2148.

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.

What if My Income is Not Always the Same?

List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 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.

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.

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. Do not include any combat pay resulting from deployment as income.

What if There is Not 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.

My Family Needs More Help. Are There Other Programs We Might Apply For?

To find out how to apply for FoodShare or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-362-3002.

If you have other questions or need help, call (262)-560-2148.

Sincerely,
Oconomowoc Area School District
Aramark Food Services