

# FREE MEALS START WEDNESDAY - MARCH 1st

In the State of Connecticut, the School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) funds 2.0 has been enacted allowing;

**all students to receive  
a free breakfast and a free lunch meal  
each school day  
regardless of family income  
for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year**

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## **PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 2023**

Prior to March 1, 2023 it is **important to maintain a positive food service account balance to ensure that your children can purchase foods daily.** The funds allocated from the State are not approved to provide free meals prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> thus meals paid between December 1, 2022 and February 28, 2023 are not eligible for reimbursement and any negative balance incurred during that timeframe must be paid in full to the district.

To increase the balance of your child's account families can access EZSchoolPay at: [www.EZSchoolPay.com](http://www.EZSchoolPay.com). Please note checks or cash are also accepted.

## **FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION INFORMATION**

There is no requirement to fill out a Free and Reduced Lunch application to obtain these newly approved free meals. However, we encourage families who are in need of financial assistance (and who have not done so already), to complete and submit the confidential Free and Reduced Price Meal Application, as there are benefits beyond free or reduced meals related to information provided in the application.

Parents or guardians can submit this application in person to the Determining Official, Lisa Clayton, located at the High School or mail to her attention at 161 Nevers Road, South Windsor, CT 06074. The application is available online in the Food Service portion of the website. The application includes detailed instructions on how to complete and submit it to the Food Service Department. Applications can be submitted at any point in the school year as household income may change during the year.

Additional information and the application can be found by clicking on the below link: [Free and Reduced Price Meals - South Windsor Public Schools \(southwindsorschools.org\)](http://southwindsorschools.org)

**State Provided Links**

[How to Fill Out the Application for Free and Reduced-price Meals or Free Milk on Vimeo](#)

[Eligibility for Free and Reduced-price Meals and Free Milk in School Nutrition Programs-- Documents \(ct.gov\)](#)

[Nondiscrimination Statements \(ct.gov\)](#)

Please contact the food service department with questions at 860-474-1440.