LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Administrative Unit #30

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New Hampshire Institutions Participating in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Program Year 2026–2027

The **Laconia School District along with Elm Street School, Pleasant Street School, Woodland Heights School, Laconia Middle School and Laconia High School** announce today its policy for determining

eligibility of participants who may receive free or reduced-price meals served under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

During Program Year 2026-2027, children or adults enrolled in a USDA participating child care center, family day care home, or adult day care center may be eligible to receive free or reduced-price meal benefits if the household's income qualifies. Foster children, Head Start participants, and children who are members of households receiving SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR assistance are automatically eligible for free meal benefits.

USDA FEDERAL INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
(Effective from July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)

Household size	Reduced Price Meals—185%					Free meals—130%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568	20,748	1,729	865	798	399
2	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770	28,132	2,345	1,173	1,082	541
3	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972	35,516	2,960	1,480	1,366	683
4	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175	42,900	3,575	1,788	1,650	825
5	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377	50,284	4,191	2,096	1,934	967
6	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579	57,668	4,806	2,403	2,218	1,109
7	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781	65,052	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
8	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983	72,436	6,037	3,019	2,786	1,393
For each additional family member, add	10,508	876	438	405	203	7,384	616	308	284	142

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An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants (ex. SNAP). Children in the household of Assistance Program participants are eligible for free meal benefits, and this free benefit is extended to all children in the household.

When known to the institution, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is considered under "Other Source Categorically Eligible" where the child is categorized or defined by law as foster, homeless, migrant, runaway or enrolled in an eligible Head Start program. That designated child is free, and the benefit is not extended to others. A household may apply for benefits at any time during the program year. Children of parents or guardians who become unemployed or experience a financial hardship mid-year may become eligible for free and reduced-price meal benefits at any point during the program year. Only one application is required for all children in the household attending participating centers. Only the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the household's primary wage earner or another adult household member (or an indication of "none") is needed when submitting the application. Information submitted on the application may be subject to verification.

Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Households with any member who is currently certified to receive Assistance Program benefits may submit an application with abbreviated information as indicated on the application and instructions.

A foster child is categorically eligible for free meals and may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.

An application for free and reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions. A household may appeal the application decision, using the hearing procedure described in the centers free and reduced-price policy statement.

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3. **Email**: program.intake@usda.gov