

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The federal waiver and funding that allowed us to provide free meals for all students has ended. Congress did not extend federal school meal waivers and school meals at USD 273 will no longer be available to ALL students free of charge effective at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year. To be eligible to receive free or reduced school meals, families must have an approved 2022-23 Application for Free or Reduced Price School Meals on file with USD 273. If you have already received notification from USD 273 that your family is eligible for free or reduced price meals based on direct certification, you do not need to submit an application. Families who do not qualify for free meals will be responsible for paying their child(ren)'s meals at the reduced or paid rate. Rates are as follows:

Beloit Elementary School: Reduced Breakfast - \$0.30, Reduced Lunch - \$0.40; Normal Breakfast - \$1.30, Normal Lunch - \$2.85

Beloit Jr-Sr High School: Reduced Breakfast - \$0.30, Reduced Lunch - \$0.40; Normal Breakfast - \$1.50, Normal Lunch - \$3.05

USD 273 highly encourages every family to complete the Free & Reduced Meal Application regardless of eligibility. The free and reduced meals program offers many benefits beyond nutrition for participating families, including enrollment fee waivers. It is also a main source of funding for our district. For the 2022-23 school year, we will be using a new online process. **Click on the link below to be taken to the Kansas State Department of Education online application.**

<https://schoolmealsapp.ksde.org/Home/welcome/D0273>

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