HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free or reduced price school meals. You only need to <u>submit one application</u> per household, <u>even if your children attend more than one school in KIEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT.</u> The application must be filled out completely to certify your children for free or reduced price school meals. Please follow these instructions in order. If at any time you are not sure what to do next, please contact <u>Corrine Schneider-Food Service Director (920) 894-5183 or email cschneider@kiel.k12.wi.us</u>.

PLEASE USE A PEN (NOT A PENCIL) WHEN FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION AND DO YOUR BEST TO PRINT CLEARLY.

STEP 1: LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHO ARE INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND STUDENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING GRADE 12

Tell us how many infants, children, and school students live in your household. They do NOT have to be related to you to be a part of your household.

Who should I list here? When filling out this section, please include ALL members in your household who are:

- Children grades 12 or under AND are supported with the household's income; and
- In your care under a foster arrangement, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth, or enrolled in a Head Start program.

A) List each child's name. Print each child's name. Use one line of the application for each child. When printing names, write one letter in each box. Stop if you run out of space. If there are more children in household than lines on the application, attach a second piece of paper with all required information for the additional children.

B) Enter the grade and the name of the school the child attends or mark n/a if not in school.

C) Do you have any foster children? If any children listed are foster children, mark the "Foster Child" box next to the children's names. If you are ONLY applying for foster children, after finishing STEP 1, go to STEP 4. Foster children who live with you may count as members of your household and should be listed on your application. If you are applying for both foster and non-foster children, go to step 3.

D) Are any children homeless, migrant, runaway or enrolled in a Head Start program? If you believe any child listed in this section meets this description, mark the "Homeless, Migrant, Runaway or Head Start" box next to the child's name and complete all steps of the application.

STEP 2: DO ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits OR FDPIR?

If anyone in your household (including you) currently participates in one or more of the assistance programs listed below, your children are eligible for free school meals:

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or FoodShare.
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or W-2 Cash Benefits.
- The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

A) If no one in your household participates in any of the above listed programs:

Leave STEP 2 blank or check "No" and go to STEP 3.

B) If anyone in your household participates in any of the above assistance programs:

- Write a case number and <u>name of the assistance program</u> you or any member of the household participates in for FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits, or FDPIR. You only need to provide one case number. If you participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, contact your case worker. Medicaid and BadgerCare case numbers do NOT qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- Go to STEP 4.

STEP 3: REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

How do I report my income?

- Use the charts titled "Sources of Income for Children" and "Sources of Income for Adults," printed on the back side of the application form, to determine if your household has income to report.
- Report all amounts in GROSS INCOME ONLY. Report all income in whole dollars. Do not include cents. Gross income is the total income received before taxes. Many people think of income as the amount they "take home" (listed as "net pay" on paycheck stub) and not the total, "gross" amount. Make sure that the income you report on this application has NOT been reduced to pay for taxes, insurance premiums, or any other amounts taken from your pay.

STEP 3: REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

- Write a "0" in any fields where there is no income to report. Any income fields left empty or blank will also be counted as a zero. If you write '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials suspect that your household income was reported incorrectly, your application will be investigated.
- Mark how often each type of income is received using the boxes to the right of each field.

3.A. REPORT INCOME EARNED BY CHILDREN

A) Report all income earned or received by children. Report the combined gross income for ALL children listed in STEP 1 in your household in the box marked "Child Income." Only count foster children's personal income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your household.

What is Child Income? Child income is money received from outside your household that is paid DIRECTLY to your children. Many households do not have any child income.

3.B. REPORT INCOME EARNED BY ADULTS

List adult household members' names.

- Print the name of each household member in the boxes marked "Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)." When filling out this section, please include ALL adult members in your household who are living with you and share income and expenses, even if they are not related and even if they do not receive income of their own.
- Do NOT include:
 - People who live with you but are not supported by your household's income AND do not contribute income to your household.
 - o Infants, children and students already listed in STEP 1.
- C) Report earnings from work. Report all total gross income (before taxes) from work in the "Earnings from Work" field on the application. This is usually the money received from working at jobs. If you are a self-employed business or farm owner, you will report your net income.
- What if I am self-employed? Report income from that work as a net amount. This is calculated by subtracting the total operating expenses of your business from its gross receipts or revenue.
- F) Fluctuating Income. For seasonal workers and others whose income fluctuates and usually earn more money in some months than others. In these situations, project the annual rate of income and report that. This includes workers with annual employment contracts but may choose to have salaries paid over a shorter period of time; for example, school employees.
- D) Report income from public assistance/child support/alimony/SSI/VA benefits. Report all income that applies in the "Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony" field on the application. Do not report the cash value of any public assistance benefits NOT listed on the chart. If income is received from child support or alimony, only report court-ordered payments. Informal but regular payments should be reported as "other" income in the next part.
- G) Report total household size. Enter the total number of household members in the field "Total Household Members (Children and Adults)." This number MUST be equal to the number of household members listed in STEP 1 and STEP 3. If there are any members of your household that you have not listed on the application, go back and add them. It is very important to list all household members, as the size of your household affects your eligibility for free and reduced price meals.
- E) Report income from pensions/retirement/all other income. Report all income that applies in the "Pensions/Retirement/Social Security/All Other Income" field on the application.
- H) Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). An adult household member must enter the last four digits of their SSN in the space provided. You are eligible to apply for benefits even if you do not have a SSN. If no adult household members have a SSN, leave this space blank and mark the box to the right labeled "Check box if no SSN."

STEP 4: CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE

An adult member of the household must sign the application. By signing the application, that household member is promising that all information has been truthfully and completely reported. Before completing this section, please also make sure you have read the privacy and civil rights statements on the back of the application.

- A) Provide your contact information. Write your current address in the fields provided if this information is available. If you have no permanent address, this does not make your children ineligible for free or reduced price school meals. Sharing a phone number, email address, or both is optional, but helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.
- B) Print or sign your name.
 The adult filling out the application must print or sign their name in the signature box.
- C) Return completed form to: Atten: Corrine Schneider – Kiel High School – 210 Raider Heights – Kiel WI 53042
- D) Share children's racial and ethnic identities (optional). On the back of the application, we ask you to share information about your children's race and ethnicity. This field is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price school meals.

KIEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

FREQUENTLY ASKED SCHOOL MEALS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2022-23 QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE

Dear Parent/Guardian:

price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set \$2.25; lunch costs K-Gr4 =\$3.25 Children need healthy meals to learn. KIEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast K-Gr12 costs of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process. **Gr5-Gr12 = \$3.40**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced

- 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, when listed on the application.
- 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.
- the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Children may qualify to receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is at or below the limits on

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- 2 household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and have not been told your children will get HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household free meals, please call or e-mail Taylor Hoffman – (920) 894-2266 – thoffman@kiel.k12.wi.us family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your
- ω information. Return the completed application to: Corrine Schneider-Nutrition Director-210 Raider Heights-Kiel Wi *for all students in your household*. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application
- 4 qualify for free meals based on household size and income. household was notified it qualified for reduced price meals, we encourage you to complete an application to potentially from your eligibility notification, contact Corrine Schneider-Nutrition Director (920) 894-5183 immediately. If your your letter indicated you qualify for free meals, then no application is needed. If any children in your household were missing APPROVED FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Please read the letter you received carefully and follow the instructions. If SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY
- Ç'n eligible for additional benefits. application. However, this information is necessary for other programs and may be used to determine if your household is child attends a school that participates in CEP, receipt of free breakfast and lunch meals does not depend on returning this DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF MY CHILD ATTENDS A COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION SCHOOL (CEP)? If your

- ώ school year. If you do not submit a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your eligibility is determined. You must submit a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals. only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through October 13, 2022, or when a new
- 7 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 submit an application.
- ∞ household income and household size. Please submit an application to determine if your household qualifies BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, or subsidized insurance may be eligible for free or reduced price meals, but it is based on MY CHILD(REN) QUALIFIES FOR BADGERCARE PLUS OR MEDICAID. CAN MY CHILD GET FREE MEALS? Children with
- 9 WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you
- 10 IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit. children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed or experience a financial hardship may become eligible for free
- 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: Dr. Bradley Ebert - 416 Paine St - Kiel WI 53042
- 12 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.
- Ш WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income. month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per
- 14 WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so. the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in
- 15 WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported income. Do not include any combat pay resulting from deployment as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income.
- 16 WHAT IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on separate piece of paper and attach it to your application.
- 17. 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 (920) 894-5183

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Corrine Schneider - Nutrition Director - (920) 894-5183 - cschneider@kiel.k12.wi.us

Apply online at: 2022-2023 Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil). In Community Eligibility Schools (CEP), receipt of free breakfast and lunch meals does not depend on returning this application; however, this information is necessary for other programs. If more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper. STEP 1 List ALL infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 who are Household Members Definition of Household Member: "Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related." School the child attends or Foster Migrant. Grade Child's First Name Child's Last Name NA if not in school Hunaway П Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in any of the following assistance programs: FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits, or FDPIR? □Yes/□No Case Number Program Name Required If you answered NO > Complete STEP 3. If you answered YES > Write a case number here, then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3) Write only one case number in this space. Medicaid and Badger Care do not qualify Flip the page and review the charts titled "Sources of Income" for more information. Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2) How often? A. Child Income Child income Monthly Weakly BI-Weekly 2x Month Sometimes children in the household earn income. Please include the TOTAL income earned by all infants, children, and students up to \times and including grade 12 listed in STEP 1 here. B. All Adult Household Members (including yourself) List all Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income (before taxes) F. Seasonal Workers, and for each source in whole dollars only (no cents). If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. others with fluctuating E. Pensions/Retlrement/ D. Public Assistance/ income, project the How often? C. How often? How often? Name of Adult Household Members Social Security. Child Support/ annual income and (First and Last Name) Alimony/SSI/VA Benefit BI-Weekly 2x Morth Monthly Other Income BI-Weakly 2x Month Monthly report here. Earnings from Work BI-Weekly 2x Month Monthly Wnoki \$ \$ \$ S \$ S \$ S \$ \$ \$ \$ S \$ \$ G. Total Household Members (Children H. Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Х Х X Check box, if no SSN and Adults)—REQUIRED Earner or Other Adult Household Member—REQUIRED or Check box if no SSN Contact information and adult signature Return completed form to your school. Insert your school district mailing address here "I CERTIFY (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported, I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable state and federal laws." Daytime Phone and Email (optional) Street Address (if available) City State Zip Apt#

Today's Date Mo./Day/Yr.

Source	s of Income for Children
Sources of Child Income	Example(s)
- Gross earnings from work	A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages
- Social Security - Disability payments	A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits
- Survivor's benefits	 A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits
 Income from person outside the household 	A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money
- Income from any other source	A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust

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Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income
- Gross salary, wages, cash bonuses - Net income from self-employment (farm or business); FARM—refer to line 3 and 6 of Schedule 1 or line 34 from Schedule F; BUSINESS—line 31 from Schedule C or 1040-Line 8, Wage and Statement, Line 3. If you are in the U.S. Military: - Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA, or privatized housing allowances) - Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing	- Unemployment benefits - Worker's compensation - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - Cash assistance from State or local government - Alimony payments - Child support payments - Veteran's benefits - Strike benefits	Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) Private pensions or disability benefits Regular income from trusts or estates Annuities Investment income Earned interest Rental income Regular cash payments from outside household

pension fund, annuity, or trust	Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing	- Strike benefits	Household
OPTIONAL Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities			
We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This is does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.		are fully serving our community. Re	esponding to this section is optional and
Ethnicity Check one Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latina Race Check one or more American Indian or Alaskan Native		Native Hawaiian or Other Pa	acific Islander
The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or recree meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not require when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Prograt (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Prograt Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you in that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security numbers will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligible information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine the programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help the look into violations of program rules. In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national of (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disability require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the	in. You duced duced duced duced duced duced duced duced dear To file a program discrimination complaint of the dear Discrimination Complaint Form which common the dear the de	/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Comp , by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing address, telephone number, and a writte sssistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCF -3027 form or letter must be submitted to r for Civil Rights W or 42; or	orm AD-3027, USDA Program olaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28- a letter addressed to USDA. The letter en description of the alleged discriminatory R) about the nature and date of an alleged
Do not fill out For School Use Only Annual Income	e Conversion: Weekly x 52, Bi-Weekly (Every 2 Weeks) x 26,	, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12	
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For schools participating in CEP only: Are all students on this application	from a CEP school? Yes No No		

If YES, the processing of this application cannot be paid for by the nonprofit school food service account. Only non-CEP applications are used for selecting the verification sample, conducting an independent review of applications, and the Certification and Benefit Issuance portion of the Administrative Review.

2022-2023 KIEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SHARING INFORMATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

Date:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

	Address:
	Printed Name:
n:Date:	Signature of Parent/Guardian:
School:	Child's Name:
If you checked yes to any or all of the boxes above, fill out the form below to ensure that your information is shared for the child(ren) listed below. Your information will be shared only with the programs you checked.	If you checked yes to any or the child(ren) listed below.
No! I DO NOT want school official to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application	No! I DO NOT want Application
Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with Zielanis Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP) or other school programs.	Yes! I DO want scho with Zielanis Paren
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Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with St Vincent de Paul Association	Yes! I DO want school officials to show with St Vincent de Paul Association
To save you time and effort, the information you gave on your Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application may be shared with other programs for which your children may qualify. For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals.	To save you time and effort, shared with other programs permission to share your inf price meals.

Free and Reduced Price School Meal Application Sharing Information with Other Programs

Return this form with your meal application: Kiel High School-

Atten: Corrine Schneider-Food Service Director

210 Raider Heights – Kiel WI 53042

For more information, you may call Corrine Schneider at (920) 894-5183 or e-mail at cschneider@kiel.k12.wi.us.

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found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027)

- mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW
 Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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