FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017-18

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. <u>Kiel Area School District</u> offers healthy meals every school day. <u>Breakfast costs K-12-\$1.60;</u> <u>Lunch costs (5K-4gr) \$2.40 – (Gr5-12gr) \$2.60.</u> Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. <u>Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch</u>. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

- 1. 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.
 - Children in households that receive Medicare benefits may qualify for free or reduced price 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 receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal
 Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income
 falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Household size	Yearly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Weekly (\$)
1	22,311	1,860	430
2	30,044	2,504	578
3	37,777	3,149	727
4	45,510	3,793	876
5	53,243	4,437	1,024
6	60,976	5,082	1,173
7	68,709	5,726	1,322
8	76,442	6,371	1,471
Each additional person:	7,733	645	149

- 2. 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 e-mail Mrs. Dawn Mueller (920)894-5118 or dmueller@kiel.k12.wi.us
- 3. 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: <a href="mailto:cornneider-Nutrition Director-PO Box 218-Kiel WI 53042 or emailto:cornneider-Nutrition Director-PO Box 218-Kiel WI 53042 or emailto:cornneider-Nutritio
- 4. 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? NO, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Corrine Schneider-Nutrition Director PO Box 218 Kiel WI 53042 or email:cschneider@kiel.k12.wi.us 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.

- 5. 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 Monday October 16, 2017. You must send in a new application unless the school told you 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.
- 6. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC <u>may</u> be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.
- 7. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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 Brad Ebert-416 Paine St PO Box 201, Kiel WI 53042 or (920) 894-2266.EMAIL: bebert@kiel.k12.wi.us
- 10. 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.
- 11. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you <u>normally</u> 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.
- 12. 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 <u>also</u> be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you <u>meant</u> to do so.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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.
- 15. 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 Corrine	Schneider –	(920)894-5183
Sincerely,			

Corrine Schneider-Nutrition Director

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS for 2017-18 School Year

or Email: cschneider@kiel.k12.wi.us] Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free or reduced price school meals. You only need to submit one application per household, even if your children attend more than one school in KIEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT. 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 CORRINE SCHNEIDER-Nutrition Director-KASD - (920)894-5183

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 age 18 or under AND are supported with the household's income;
- In your care under a foster arrangement, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth, or enrolled in a Head Start program; and
- Students attending Kiel Area School District regardless of age

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

> B) Enter the grade and the name the grade level of the student in the mark n/a if not in school. Enter of the school the child attends or 'Grade' column.

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

> Start" box next to the child's name and the "Homeless, Migrant, Runaway or Head this section meets this description, mark program? If you believe any child listed in runaway or enrolled in a Head Start D) Are any children homeless, migrant, 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)
- above listed programs: A) If no one in your household participates in any of the
- Leave STEP 2 blank and go to STEP 3.

- B) If anyone in your household participates in any of the above listed programs:
- you participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, contact your case worker. Please Write a case number for FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits, or FDPIR. You only need to provide one case number. If note, a BadgerCare case number does NOT qualify for free meals
- Go to STEP 4.

STEP 3: REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

How do I report my income?

- income to report. 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
- of income as the amount they "take home" and not the total, "gross" amount. Make sure that the income you report on this application has NOT been reduced to pay for taxes, 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 insurance premiums, or any other amounts taken from your pay.

- 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 circles 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:
- 0 People who live with you but are not supported by your household's income AND do not contribute income to your household
- 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. 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.

on the application.

"Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income" field

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E) Report income from

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H) Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). An adult household member must enter the last four digits of their of your SSN in the space provided. You are eligible to nd add apply for benefits even if you do not have a SSN, size of If no adult household members have a SSN, leave this space blank and mark the box to the right labeled "Check if no SSN."

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.

STEP 4: CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE

Sharing a phone number, email address, or both is optional children ineligible for free or reduced price school meals. address in the fields provided if this information is available A) Provide your contact information. Write your current 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. If you have no permanent address, this does not make your signing the application and Print the name of the adult B) Print and sign your name. "Signature of adult." that person signs in the box C) Return completed form to: KASD-Food Box 218 - Kiel WI 53042 210 Raider Heights-PO Service Program children's eligibility for free or reduced price school ethnicity. This field is optional and does not affect your (optional). On the back of the application, we ask you D) Share children's racial and ethnic identities to share information about your children's race and

meals.

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

but helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.

2017-2018 Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

Apply online at: (

Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil).

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Sources	Sources 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

If you are in the U.S. Military: Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT Net income from self-employment (farm or business); FARM—refer to line 18 of and clothing Allowances for off-base housing, food include combat pay, FSSA or privatized line 31 from Schedule C. BUSINESS—refer to line 12 of 1040 or the 1040 or line 34 from Schedule F; Gross salary, wages, cash bonuses housing allowances) Earnings from Work Sources of Income for Adults Public Assistance / Alimony / Child support payments Worker's compensation Unemployment benefits Alimony payments Cash assistance from Income (SSI) Veteran's benefits State or local government Supplemental Security Child Support Regular cash payments from outside Rental income Annuities Regular income from trusts or estates Social Security (including railroad Earned interest Investment income Private pensions or disability benefits retirement and black lung benefits) Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income

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The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price 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 required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meats, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrilion programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

program.intake@usda.gov

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SHARING INFORMATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

Dear Parent/Guardian:	Date:
To save you time and effort, the information you ga Application may be shared with other programs for programs, we must have your permission to share y whether your children get free or reduced price me	which your children may qualify. For the following rour information. Sending in this form will not change
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Signature of Parent/Guardian:	Date:
Printed Name:	
Address:	
For more information, you may call Corrine Schnecschneider@kiel.k12.wi.us	ider at (920)894-5183 or email at

Return this form to: Kiel High School-Atten: Corrine Schneider-210 Raider Heights-PO Box 218-Kiel WI 53042.

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 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
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 Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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