

### Northwood Local Schools

# Home of the Rangers "Excellence in Education"

**Board of Education** 

700 Lemoyne Road

Northwood, Ohio 43619

419-691-3888

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. The **Northwood Local School** offers healthy meals each school day. Breakfast costs \$ 0.00 and lunch costs \$ 3.50JH/HS & 3.25 Elem. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals.** Reduced price is \$0.00 for breakfast and \$.40 cents for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits and detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. Who can receive free or reduced-price meals? All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Ohio Works First (OWF); foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court; children participating in their school's Head Start program; and children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. Also, your children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is within the federal income eligibility guidelines limits.

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Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly				
1	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$557				
2	39,128	3,261	753				
3	49,303	4,109	949				
4	59,478	4,957	1,144				
5	69,653	5,805	1,340				
6	79,828	6,653	1,536				
7	90,003	7,501	1,731				
8	100,178	8,349	1,927				
Each additional Person:	10,175	848	196				

- 2. How do I know if my children qualify as homeless, migrant or runaway? If members of your household lack a permanent address; are staying together in a shelter, hotel or other temporary housing arrangement; relocate on a seasonal basis or; children live with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household then the children may qualify as homeless, migrant or runaway. If you have not been told your children will receive free meals, please call or email Northwood Local School at ebires@northwoodschools.org or 419-691-3888 ext. 2004 to see if they qualify.
- 3. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Use one free and reduced-price school meal application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete. Please submit all required information. Return the completed application to Emilia Bires at 700 Lemoyne Road, Northwood, Ohio 43619 or 419-691-3888 ext. 2004
- 4. Should I complete an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are approved already for free meals? No, but please read the letter carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from the eligibility notification, contact Emilia Bires at 700 Lemoyne Road, Northwood, Ohio 43619 or 419-691-3888 ext. 2004
- 5. Can I apply online? Yes. If possible, you are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application. The online application requirements are the same and will request the same information as the paper application. Visit www.northwoodschools.org to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact Emilia Bires at 700 Lemoyne Road, Northwood, Ohio 43619 or 419-691-3888 ext. 2004 with any questions about the online application.
- 6. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to complete another application? Yes. Your child's application is valid for that school year and for the start of this school year. You are required to submit a new application unless the school notified you that your child is eligible for the new school year.



Your children may quality for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

## Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You are not required to provide information, but if information is not provided, the state agency 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), Ohio Works First (OWF) case number or other 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 meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We may share your eligibility information with education,

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health, and nutrition 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.

#### **USDA Nondiscrimination Statement**

In accordance with federal civil rights law and USDA civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the state or local agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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

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

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#### 2025-2026 FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION

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