

## FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS SYSTEM (FARMS) APPLICATIONS

<u>Apply online</u> NOW so students receive free meals on the first day of school!

Households meeting identified federal income standards are eligible for free school meals. MCPS encourages all families who may be eligible, to apply. To receive this benefit, a **new FARMS application must be completed <u>every</u> school year.** Please submit the online FARMS application through <u>www.MySchoolApps.com</u>. Students not <u>newly</u> qualified for free meals will be charged the following meal prices. Only one application is needed for all students in a household.

**Meal prices:** Breakfast—\$1.30; Lunch—\$2.55 (Elementary), \$2.80 (Middle and High) Students who qualify for reduced-price meals will receive meals at no charge!

Students use their MCPS ID number when receiving a meal, so confidentiality is maintained and no child is overtly identified as receiving free or reduced-price meals. Funds can continue to be added to student meal accounts at no charge by bringing cash or checks directly to the school cafeteria managers. There will be an increase in the transaction fee from \$1.95 to \$2.49 per transaction associated when adding funds to student meal accounts using the online My School Bucks software.



For more information and How-To videos, visit the Division of Food and Nutrition Services (DFNS) website: <u>https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/food-and-nutrition/meal-payments/#FARMS</u>

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