

## CEDAR MOUNTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ISD 2754



Cedar Mountain District Office PO Box 188 Morgan, MN 56266 Phone: (507) 249-5990 Fax: (507) 249-3149 Cedar Mountain Middle/High School PO Box 188 Morgan, MN 56266 Phone: (507) 249-5880 Fax: (507) 249-5887 Cedar Mountain Elementary PO Box 38 Franklin, MN 55333 Phone: (507) 557-2251 Fax: (507) 557-2116

## Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy meals each day. Elementary breakfast costs \$1.65; Elementary lunch costs \$3.70. Middle school/High school breakfast costs \$2.05; Middle school/High school lunch costs \$3.80. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals.

To apply for free school meals, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. A new application must be submitted each year. If you don't qualify now, you may apply at any time during the school year. Your application also helps our school qualify for education funds and discounts.

State funds help to pay for reduced-price school meals, so all students who are approved for either free or reduced-price school meals will receive school meals at no charge. State funds also help to pay for breakfasts for Kindergarten students, so all participating Kindergarten students will receive breakfasts at no charge.

Return your completed Application for Education Benefits to:

Cedar Mountain ISD #2754, Attn: Lori Hacker, 231 4th Ave East, P.O. Box 38, Franklin, MN 55333

Who can get free school meals? Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster, homeless, migrant and runaway children can get free school meals without reporting household income. Also, children can get free school meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size on the instructions.

**I get WIC or Medical Assistance. Can my children get free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC or Medical Assistance may be eligible for free meals. Please fill out an application.

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for your children to qualify for free meals.

Who should I include as household members? Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends).

What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes.

Will the information I give be checked? Yes, and we may also ask you to send written proof.

**How will the information I provide be kept?** Information you provide on the form and your child's approval for school meals benefits, will be protected as private data. See the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits for more information about how the information is used.

If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. Please complete an application at any time if your income goes down, your household size goes up or you start getting SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR benefits. Please provide the information requested about

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children's racial identity and ethnicity, which helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. This information is not required for approval of school meal benefits.

If you have other questions or need help, please call Lori Hacker at the Elementary Office in Franklin 507-557-2251.

Sincerely,

Lori Hacker

Food Program Manager

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