

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Complete the application to apply free or reduced price meals. Use **one** Free and Reduced price School Meals Application for all students in your household.
- 2. Who can get free meals?** Children in households getting Food Stamps or TANF and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free price meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.
- 3. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals?** Please call the CCS Homeless Liaison, Jeannie Patterson at Graham School at 704-487-6161 ext. 3008 to see if your child(ren) qualify, if you have not been informed that they will get free meals.
- 4. Who can get reduced price meals?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Chart, shown on this application.
- 5. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved free or reduced price meals through Direct Certification?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow instructions. Make sure you receive a letter for each eligible child in your household. Call the Child Nutrition office at 704-476-8127 if you have any questions.
- 6. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals?** Children in household participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.
- 7. Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, we may ask you to send written proof. If you receive a letter stating that you have been selected for verification you must comply to all requests or your eligibility will be discontinued.
- 8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps, TANF or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced price meals.
- 9. What if I disagree with the schools decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials in the Child Nutrition office at 704-476-8127. You may also ask for a hearing official by calling or writing to Mr. John Yarbrow Cleveland County Schools 105 E. Ridge Street Kings Mountain, NC 28086 704-476-8000.
- 10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U. S. citizen?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- 11. Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include all people living in your household related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children who live with you.
- 12. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes.

If you have other questions or need help, call 704-476-8127.