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**Dunklin R-V School District** announced its revised free and reduced price policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Local education officials have adopted the following family-size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Household Size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$15,171	\$1,265	\$292	\$21,590	\$1,800	\$416
2	20,449	1,705	394	29,101	2,426	560
3	20,727	2,144	495	36,612	3,051	705
4	31,005	2,584	597	44,123	3,677	849
5	36,283	3,024	698	51,634	4,303	993
6	41,561	3,464	800	59,145	4,929	1,138
7	46,839	3,904	901	66,656	5,555	1,282
8	52,117	4,344	1,003	74,167	6,181	1,427
Each add'l member	+ 5,278	+ 440	+ 102	+ 7,511	+ 626	+ 145

Children from families whose current income is at or below those shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at the school office or district website, [www.dunklin.k12.mo.us](http://www.dunklin.k12.mo.us). To apply, fill out a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. A complete application is required as a condition of eligibility. A complete application includes: (1) household income from all sources or Food Stamp/Temporary Assistance case number, (2) names of all household members, and (3) the signature and last four digits of social security number or indication of no social security number of adult household member signing the application. School officials may verify current income at any time during the school year.

Foster children may be eligible regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for these benefits.

Under the provisions of the policy, the **School Food and Nutrition Director** will review the applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the hearing official on an informal basis or he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to the **Superintendent**.

Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the central office where any interested party may review it.

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