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## CNS information

Parents/guardians in the student's primary household (family/household one) can take advantage of the *convenience of applying for school-meal benefits online through Skyward Family Access* or by submitting a paper application (paper applications are available in school offices).

We can serve free meals to students only if they have been approved through the application process or if we have matched information from the State. Applications are processed very quickly in an effort to ease the financial burden on our families.

We are sorry there is not a program that allows the Child Nutrition Services department to give free meals to students on their first day of school, for the first week, or any period of time when they first enroll.

If your student was approved in another district, please call our office. You may not need to complete an application for school-meal benefits.

While we do not deny a student a meal, we must charge full price for meals until/unless meal benefits are approved. Benefits begin immediately when approved, but any amount the student already owes will remain as an owed amount (negative balance) on the student's account. You can check the account balance using your Skyward Family Access.

Once approved, meal eligibility is good for the remainder of the school year, regardless of the month benefits go into effect. .

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to pay  
for student meals unless/until  
free eligibility has been determined.