



FLORENCE CITY SCHOOLS

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Links for Students:

<http://dole5aday.com/>
<http://nutritionexplorations.org/>
<http://kidnetic.com/>

Links for Parents and Teachers:

<http://www.schoolnutrition.org/>
<http://www.eatright.org/>
<http://www.nutritiondata.com/>

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to aid them in their learning. The Florence City Schools offer healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$.50; lunch costs \$ 1.25. Your children may qualify for free meals or reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch.

1. **Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. **Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all the students in your household.** We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out the required information. Please sign the application. **PLEASE return the completed application to only one (1) of the Florence City Schools.**
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 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 Homeless Liaison or Migrant Coordinator at (256) 768-3028 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 reduced cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.

5. **I get WIC. Can my child(ren) receive free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.
6. **Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.
7. **If I do not 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.
8. **What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You may also ask for a hearing by calling or writing the Superintendent, Dr. Kendy Behrends, 541 Riverview Drive, Florence, AL 35630. The phone number is (256) 768-3000.
9. **May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes.
10. **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.
11. **What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$ 2000.00 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$ 1900.00, put down that you get \$ 2000.00 per month. If you NORMALLY get overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes.
12. **We are in the military – do we include our housing allowance as income?** If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have other questions or need help, call (256) 768-3060 or (256) 768-3061.
Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: (256) 768-3060 or (256) 768-3061.
Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numéro: (256) 768-3060 or (256) 768-3061.

Sincerely,
Kendy Behrends, Ed.D.
Superintendent

