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Abington Public Schools is pleased to announce our participation in the National School Lunch Program. Meals will be available to all children at our following schools: Beaver Brook Elementary School, Woodsdale School, Abington Middle School and Abington High School. Meals meet nutritional standards set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Our schools will participate in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program..

If your income is less than or equal to the following guidelines you are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. These guidelines are effective *July 1, 2017* through *June 30, 2018*. If you have children who approved for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Native Family Assistance Program (NFAP), they are automatically able to receive free meals by filing an application that includes their assistance number from one of those programs. Students who are migrant, homeless, or runaways are automatically eligible and do not need to fill out an application. Foster children receive free meals regardless of the income of the household with which they reside. Note: Medicaid and Denali Kid Care case numbers do not qualify for eligibility.

Household Size	Reduced Price Meals – 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines					Free Meals – 130 % of Federal Poverty Guidelines				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	22,311	1,860	930	859	430	15,678	1,307	654	603	302
2	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578	21,112	1,760	880	812	406
3	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727	26,546	2,213	1,107	1,021	511
4	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876	31,980	2,665	1,333	1,230	615
5	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024	37,414	3,118	1,559	1,439	720
6	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173	42,848	3,571	1,786	1,648	824
7	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322	48,282	4,024	2,012	1,857	929
8	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471	53,716	4,477	2,239	2,066	1,033
<b>For each additional family member add:</b>										
	7,733	645	323	298	149	5,434	453	227	209	105

For more information, or to get an application for free or reduced-price school meals, contact us at: Abington School Food Service, 1071 Washington Street, Abington, MA 02351 (781-982-2156).

We can't approve your application unless it's complete. The information you give us on your application may be checked at any time. You may apply for free or reduced price meals at any time during the school year if your situation changes. If you become unemployed, your child(ren) may be able to have free or reduced priced meals based on your unemployment income. If we deny your free or reduced price meals application, we will give you a chance to appeal the decision.

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