

Bronte ISD Free and Reduced-Price Meals Information

Bronte ISD announced its policy today for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the attached current income eligibility guidelines. Each school/site or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by anyone on request.

Starting on August 15, 2018, Bronte ISD will begin distributing letters to the households of the children in the district about eligibility benefits and any actions households need to take to apply for these benefits. Applications also are available Bronte ISD, 210 South Jefferson, Bronte, TX at the Principal's Office.

Criteria for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits

The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits:

Income

1. Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels

Categorical or Automatic Eligibility

2. Household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Program Participant

3. Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster
4. Child's enrollment in Head Start or Even Start

Income Eligibility

For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must fill out free and

reduced-price meal application and return it to John Phillips, Principal, phone (325) 473-2511 ext. 121. Those individuals filling out the application will need to provide the following information:

1. Names of all household members
2. Amount, frequency, and source of current income for each household member
3. Last 4 digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or, if the adult does not have a social security number, check the box for "No Social Security number"
4. Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct

Categorical or Program Eligibility

Bronte ISD is working with local agencies to identify all children who are categorically and program eligible. Bronte ISD will notify the households of these children that they do not need to complete an application. Any household that does not receive a letter and feels it should have should contact Danielle Queen, Food Service Director, Phone 325-473-2511 ext. 116.

Any household that wishes to decline benefits should contact Laurie Austin, 325-473-2511 ext. 130.

Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may also be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

Determining Eligibility

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Danielle Queen, Food

Service Director, will review applications and determine eligibility. Households or guardians dissatisfied with the Reviewing Official's eligibility determination may wish to discuss the decision with the Reviewing Official on an informal basis. Households wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Tim Siler, Superintendent - Bronte ISD, 325-473-2511 ext. 111.

Unexpected Circumstances

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the

school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the attached current income eligibility guidelines.

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BRONTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
PO Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. *Bronte ISD* offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$0** lunch costs *Elem. \$2.75, H.S. \$3.00*. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals.** Reduced price is **\$0**, for breakfast and **\$40** for lunch. If you received a notification letter that a child is directly certified for free meals, do not complete an application. Let the school know if any children in the household attending school are not listed in the letter.

The following questions and answers will provide additional information on how to complete the application. Complete only one application for all the students in the household and return the completed application to Bronte ISD, PO Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933, Phone (325) 473-2511. If you have questions about applying for free or reduced price meals, contact Danielle Queen, 325-473-2511 ext. 116.

- 1. Who can get free meals?**
- **Income**-Children can get free or reduced-price meals if a household's gross income is within the limits described in the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
 - **Special Assistance Program Participants**- Children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals.
 - **Foster**-Foster children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
 - **Head Start, Early Head Start, and Even Start**-Children participating in these programs are eligible for free meals.
 - **Homeless, Runaway, and Migrant**-Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told about a child's status as homeless, runaway, or migrant or you feel a child may qualify for one of these programs, please call or email Daisy Sanchez, 325-473-2511 ext. 119, daisy.sanchez@bronteisd.net.
 - **WIC Recipient**-Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

- 2. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** Talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to **Tim Siler, P.O. Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933 Phone 325-473-2511, ext. 111.**

- 3. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out a new one?** Yes. An application is only good for that school year and the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for this school year.

- 4. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year. A child with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

- 5. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally receive. If a household member lost a job or had hours/wages reduced, use current income.

- 6. We are in the military. Do we report our income differently?** Basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. Any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments count as income. If housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include the housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is excluded from income.

7. **May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.

- 8. Will application information be checked?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the reported household income.

- 9. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?** To find out how to apply for other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or 2-1-1.

If you have other questions or need help, call: Danielle Queen at Bronte ISD 325-473-2511 ext. 116
Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al telefono: Danielle Queen at Bronte ISD 325-473-2511 ext. 116

Sincerely,
Danielle Queen

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING FREE AND REDUCED PRICE BENEFITS

Effective From July 1, 2018, To June 30, 2019

| Family Size | Annually | | Monthly | | Twice per Month | | Every Two Weeks | | Weekly | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Free | Reduced | Free | Reduced | Free | Reduced | Free | Reduced | Free | Reduced |
| 1 | \$15,782 | \$22,459 | \$1,316 | \$1,872 | \$658 | \$936 | \$607 | \$864 | \$304 | \$432 |
| 2 | \$21,398 | \$30,451 | \$1,784 | \$2,538 | \$892 | \$1,269 | \$823 | \$1,172 | \$412 | \$586 |
| 3 | \$27,014 | \$38,443 | \$2,252 | \$3,204 | \$1,126 | \$1,602 | \$1,039 | \$1,479 | \$520 | \$740 |
| 4 | \$32,630 | \$46,435 | \$2,720 | \$3,870 | \$1,360 | \$1,935 | \$1,255 | \$1,786 | \$628 | \$893 |
| 5 | \$38,246 | \$54,427 | \$3,188 | \$4,536 | \$1,594 | \$2,268 | \$1,471 | \$2,094 | \$736 | \$1,047 |
| 6 | \$43,862 | \$62,419 | \$3,656 | \$5,202 | \$1,828 | \$2,601 | \$1,687 | \$2,401 | \$844 | \$1,201 |
| 7 | \$49,478 | \$70,411 | \$4,124 | \$5,868 | \$2,062 | \$2,934 | \$1,903 | \$2,709 | \$952 | \$1,355 |
| 8 | \$55,094 | \$78,403 | \$4,592 | \$6,534 | \$2,296 | \$3,267 | \$2,119 | \$3,016 | \$1,060 | \$1,508 |
| 9 | \$60,710 | \$86,395 | \$5,060 | \$7,200 | \$2,530 | \$3,600 | \$2,335 | \$3,324 | \$1,168 | \$1,662 |
| 10 | \$66,326 | \$94,387 | \$5,528 | \$7,866 | \$2,764 | \$3,933 | \$2,551 | \$3,632 | \$1,276 | \$1,816 |
| 11 | \$71,942 | \$102,379 | \$5,996 | \$8,532 | \$2,998 | \$4,266 | \$2,767 | \$3,940 | \$1,384 | \$1,970 |
| 12 | \$77,558 | \$110,371 | \$6,464 | \$9,198 | \$3,232 | \$4,599 | \$2,983 | \$4,248 | \$1,492 | \$2,124 |
| For each additional family member add: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | + \$5,616 | + \$7,992 | + \$468 | + \$666 | + \$234 | + \$333 | + \$216 | + \$308 | + \$108 | + \$154 |

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
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