



*Robert Lee Mini Cheer Camp Participants*



**RLHS**  
*Pre-Season Practice*

## Important Election Dates

- October 9 is the last day to register to vote in the November 6 general election.
- October 22 through November 2 are the dates for early voting for the general election.
- October 30 is the last day to apply for a ballot by mail. (The application must be received and not just postmarked by this date).
- November 6 is election day.

### ROBERT LEE ISD

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Robert Lee ISD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.50; lunch costs \$2.25 or \$2.50. Your children may qualify for free meals or for 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 one application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. **Return the completed application to: JANET WOODS, 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, 325-453-4555.**

**2. Who can get free meals?** Children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program) or TANF can get free meals regardless of your income. Your benefit letter from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is your documentation for free meals. If you have not already received a letter from your school stating that your household is eligible for free meals, you may take your HHSC benefit letter to your child nutrition office to be certified for free meals. Call the school at 325-453-4555 if you have questions.

**3. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced-price meals?** In most cases, no, however read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 325-453-4555 if you have questions. If your household does not receive SNAP or TANF, your children may still be eligible to receive free meals if your household income is less than the amounts listed on the federal income Eligibility Guidelines. Please complete the application and submit it to your child nutrition office. Head Start students and most foster children may also qualify for free meals.

**4. Can foster children get free meals?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.

**5. Can homeless, runaway or migrant children get free meals?** Yes. If you have not been notified of free status under these categories, please call Robert Lee ISD, Wayne Simpson to see if your child(ren) qualify.

**6. Who can get reduced price meals?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Chart, included in this application packet.

**7. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out another one?** Yes, your child's application is only good for the school year and for the first 30 operating days of the new school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

**8. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.

**9. Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.

**10. If I don't 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 SNAP, TANF or other benefits.

**11. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: AARON HOOD, 1323 Hamilton, 325-453-4555.

**12. May I apply if someone in my household is not a US Citizen?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a US citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

**13. Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include yourself and all people living in your household, related or not (such as children, grandparents, other relatives or friends).

**14. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime pay, include that amount as income. If you do not normally get overtime pay, do not include it as income.

**15. 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 allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

**16. My spouse is deployed to a combat zone; is her combat pay counted?** No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment, and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.

**5. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?** To find out how to apply for other assistance benefits, dial 2-1-1.

If you have any other questions or need help, call 325-453-4555. *Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al telefono: 325-453-4555. Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: 325-453-4555.*

Sincerely,

Janet Woods

FEDERAL INCOME CHART for School Year 2012-13			
Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$20,665	\$1,723	\$398
2	\$27,991	\$2,333	\$539
3	\$35,317	\$2,944	\$680
4	\$42,643	\$3,554	\$821
5	\$49,969	\$4,165	\$961
6	\$57,295	\$4,775	\$1,102
7	\$64,621	\$5,386	\$1,243
8	\$71,947	\$5,996	\$1,384
Each additional person:	\$7,326	\$611	\$141