

RLISD Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Information

Robert Lee ISD announced its policy recently 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 13, 2018, Robert Lee 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 at 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, TX.

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 Samantha Burns, Food Service Manager, 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, TX, 325-453-4555. Those individuals filling out the application will need to provide the following information:

- Names of all household members
- Amount, frequency, and source of current income for each household member
- 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

Robert Lee ISD is working with local agencies to identify all children who are categorically and program eligible. Robert Lee 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 Aaron Hood, Superintendent, Robert Lee ISD.

Any household that wishes to decline benefits should contact Samantha Burns at 325-453-4555.

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, Samantha Burns 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 Aaron Hood, 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, Texas.

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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Bronte Independent School District _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ August 16, 2018 at 6:45 pm _____ in _____ the Board Room, 210 S. Jefferson _____ Bronte, TX _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.1700000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax

Approved by Local Voters \$ 0 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	0	% increase	or	2.27	% (decrease)
Debt service	0	% increase	or	0	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0	% increase	or	2.27	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 241,797,600	\$ 381,198,630
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,779,620	\$ 2,227,630
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 80,400,039	\$ 132,280,070
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 52,811,720	\$ 2,036,260

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
 ** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0*	\$ 1.17000	\$ 5,334	\$ 7,326
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.03802	\$ 0*	\$ 1.03802	\$ 6,684	\$ 6,393
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ 0*	\$ 1.17	\$ 7,533	\$ 7,000

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 69,458	\$ 53,485
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 69,458	\$ 53,485
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 812.66	\$ 625.77
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (186.89)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.17. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.17.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 511,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

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