

## Media Release

Natchitoches Parish School Board announced its policy today that this school year, healthy meals will be offered every school day to all students at no cost. Typically, a student's household must meet income eligibility requirements to qualify for free or reduced-price meals. **However, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued guidance that allows schools to offer meals to all students at no cost for the 2021-2022 school year.**

While no application or eligibility determination is required for your student to receive free meals this school year, income eligibility requirements will likely resume in the 2022-2023 school year. As such, the Natchitoches Parish School Board will process household applications during School Year 2021-2022 to ensure student eligibility for free or reduced-price meals during the first 30 days of the 2022-2023 school year while 2022-2023 applications are being processed. Each school/site or central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed upon request.

**NATCHITOCHEES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MEDIA RELEASE**  
**Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**  
**School Food Service Section**

***Natchitoches Parish School Board today*** announced an amendment to its policy for serving meals to students under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2021-2022 school year. All students will be served lunch and breakfast at no charge at the following sites:

East Natchitoches Elem/ Middle  
Fairview Alpha Elem/Jr. High  
Goldonna Elem/Jr. High  
Lakeview Jr./Sr. High  
L. P. Vaughn Elementary  
Marthaville Elem/Jr. High  
Natchitoches Central High  
Natchitoches Jr. High  
Natchitoches Parish Technical & Career Center  
Natchitoches Magnet  
Provencal Elem/Jr. High  
Weaver Elementary

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