

A healthy foundation for learning

The free and reduced-price meal program

Children need healthy meals to nourish their bodies and minds. That's why the City School District of Albany offers breakfast and lunch every day in school.

Breakfast costs \$1 at all schools and lunch is \$1.50 at elementary schools and \$1.75 in middle school and high school. However, if your family qualifies for the free or reduced-price meal program, your child can purchase breakfast and lunch daily for 25 cents each or no charge, depending on your family's eligibility level.



We encourage families to apply for the free and reduced-price meal program. Inside this newsletter you will find the 2008-09 application in English and Spanish, as well as guidelines to follow when filling out these forms.

You can mail your application or return it in person to the City School District of Albany's Food Service Department, Philip Livingston Magnet Academy, room 125, 315 Northern Blvd., Albany, NY 12210.

If you have questions or need help completing the application, or if you are not sure if you meet the income eligibility guidelines necessary to qualify for free or reduced-priced meals, please call the Food Service Department at 462-7322.

If your child received free or reduced-price meals in 2007-08, a new application still must be submitted in September to continue this program in 2008-09. Please complete and return the forms as soon as possible.

Please note that first-time applicants do not qualify until an application is approved and a letter of notification is sent to the household.

If you receive food stamps or Aid to Dependent Children (ADC/TANF) you qualify for free or reduced-priced meals (see page 3 for information about how to apply).