

Meal Benefits for School Year 2022-2023

QUESTION: Will the USDA provide free meals during the 2022-2023 School Year?

ANSWER: No. Congress has NOT extended the waiver for Universal Free Meals during the 2022-2023 School Year. Therefore, Webster County School District (WCSD) will go back to charging for meals. However, it is the decision of the WCSD Child Nutrition Department, along with the Superintendent of Education, to provide Free Breakfast to **ALL** students. The Lunch Meal will be as it was before the federal waiver for Universal Free Meals went into effect.

For students to qualify for "free or reduced" Lunch, it is important that all households fill out a Meal Benefit Application for the 2022-2023 School Year. Applications will be available online beginning July 18, 2022 at www.myschoolapps.com. Paper applications will be provided beginning August 4, 2022.