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PUSD Offers Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Students are served through the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs

POMONA – Pomona Unified School District is inviting families to apply for its new free and reduced price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

Applications are now available to the community and online at <https://mealapps.pusd.org>.

Applications have been mailed to the households of PUSD students and can be picked up at the Food and Nutrition Services office at 1460 E. Holt Ave., Ste. 160, Pomona, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Once the 2015-2016 school year begins, applications will be available at each school for pick-up.

Eligibility for the program is based on household size and income (whether yearly or monthly). For a family of four, the minimum yearly income to qualify for reduced lunch is \$44,863; for free lunch, the minimum income is \$31,525. If students fall below or within the minimum eligibility bracket, they are eligible for the free, reduced price or full price benefits of the district policy.

In 2014-15, 82.7 percent of District students, or 20,900 children, qualified for free or reduced-price meals.

To review detailed income guidelines, visit the California Department of Education at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/rs/scales1516.asp>.

For more information on eligibility and the meal application process, call Blanca Merancio at (909) 397-4711, ext. 3033.

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