

Importance Information regarding you student's eligibility

On December 14, 2022, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) announced the allocation of \$6.75 million dollars for schools to offer meals free of charge to students who qualify for reduced-price meal benefits in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), in Arizona. This funding is provided through ADE's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) set aside project funds. Currently, families with students who qualify for reduced-price meal benefits may incur a fee of up to \$0.40 for each lunch and up to \$0.30 for each breakfast. The ESSER funds will be used to subsidize these meal fees for students and will be provided to the NSLP and SBP operators by ADE as per meal reimbursement. The ADE expects that these funds will lessen or remove financial barriers to meal access that students and households might experience.

This is only for the families that qualified for Reduced Meal Pricing. This guidance is in effect from January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, or until funding has been exhausted.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any-time.

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