WISH Charter Schools

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WISH Charter Schools announces its policy to serve nutritious meals every school day under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Breakfasts and lunches will be served free of charge every school day, but WISH Charter is still required to make eligibility determinations for free and reduced-price meals. Effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, children are considered eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income is less than or equal to the federal guidelines (see below).

Income Eligibility Guidelines - Free:

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 28,953	\$ 2,413	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,114	\$ 557
2	\$ 39,128	\$ 3,261	\$ 1,631	\$ 1,505	\$ 753
3	\$ 49,303	\$ 4,109	\$ 2,055	\$ 1,897	\$ 949
4	\$ 59,478	\$ 4,957	\$ 2,479	\$ 2,288	\$ 1,144
5	\$ 69,653	\$ 5,805	\$ 2,903	\$ 2,679	\$ 1,340
6	\$ 79,828	\$ 6,653	\$ 3,327	\$ 3,071	\$ 1,536
7	\$ 90,003	\$ 7,501	\$ 3,751	\$ 3,462	\$ 1,731
8	\$ 100,178	\$ 8,349	\$ 4,175	\$ 3,853	\$ 1,927
For each additional family member, add:	\$ 10,175	\$ 848	\$ 424	\$ 392	\$ 196

Income Eligibility Guidelines - Reduced Price:

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 28,953	\$ 2,413	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,114	\$ 557
2	\$ 39,128	\$ 3,261	\$ 1,631	\$ 1,505	\$ 753
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Households do not need to turn in an application when the household receives a notification letter saying that all children automatically qualify for free meals when any household member receives benefits from CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR. Children who meet the definition of foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway, and children enrolled in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals. Contact school officials if any child in the household is not on the notification letter. The household must let school officials know if they do not want to be considered eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Applications will be sent to the household with a letter about the school meal program. While breakfasts and lunches will be provided free of charge every school day, determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals is still necessary and these determinations can be used to qualify households for other benefits. Households interested in establishing eligibility for meal benefits, must fill out one application for all children in the household and give it to the nutrition office at acook@wishcharter.org. Contact Adria Cook at 310-410-9940 for help filling out the application. The school will provide notification regarding the outcome of your applications.

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