



ACCLAIM Academy

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ACCLAIM Academy will be participating in the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program. As part of this program, ACCLAIM Academy will offer healthy meals every school day at NO COST to the students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision 2 for school year 2026-2027. Students will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a household application.

Qualifications for children to receive free or reduced-price meals include: belonging to a household whose income is at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, belonging to a household that receives public assistance, or if the child is homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, or participates in a Head Start or Even Start pre-Kindergarten program.

When known to **ACCLAIM Academy** households will also be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is considered "Other Source Categorically Eligible", because the child is categorized, as defined by law as:

- Foster,
- Homeless,
- Migrant,
- Runaway,
- Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or
- Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school about their eligibility through the list above or should submit an income application.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the free meal benefits.

For more information, you may call ACCLAIM Academy at 623-691-0919.

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