

MEDIA RELEASE – SY 2016-17 FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

(Calico Rock School District) today announces its policy for providing free and reduced price meals for children served under the **National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program**. (Each school and/or the central office) has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party. The price charged for a paid student breakfast is **(\$1.35)**; The price charged for a paid student lunch is **(\$2.35)**. The price charged for a reduced student breakfast is (\$.30 cents); the price charged for a reduced student lunch is (\$.40 cents). Extra Milk is \$.30 cents.

HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits for SY 2016-17. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines	FREE MEALS – 130%					REDUCED PRICE MEALS – 185%				
		Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	11,880	15,444	1,287	644	594	297	21,978	1,832	916	846	423
2	16,020	20,826	1,736	868	801	401	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570
3	20,160	26,208	2,184	1,092	1,008	504	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718
4	24,300	31,590	2,633	1,317	1,215	608	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865
5	28,440	36,972	3,081	1,541	1,422	711	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012
6	32,580	42,354	3,530	1,765	1,629	815	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160
7	36,730	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8	40,890	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
Each Add'l person add	4,160	5,408	451	226	208	104	7,696	642	321	296	148

Household application forms are being distributed by the school with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced price meals for their children. **Only one application should be submitted for each household.** Applications are also available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households must complete the application and return it to the school. Applications cannot be approved unless it contains complete information as described in the instructions provided with the application. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year as circumstances change. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data.

Applications may be subject to verification at any time during the school year by school officials.

CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY

Children who are members of a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly food stamps, household are categorically eligible for free meals. School officials will determine eligibility for free meals based on documentation obtained directly from the SNAP office. School officials will notify households of their eligibility. Households who are notified of their eligibility but who do not want their children to receive free meals must contact the school. SNAP households should complete an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by September 23, 2016.

Households with children who are members of currently approved Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, formerly food stamps, may submit an application with abbreviated information as described in the application instructions.

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