



## Free and Reduced-Price Meals 2017-2018 School Year

Greeting from the Salt River Schools Food Services Department!

We are excited to start the new school year, as we know all the students are excited to return after summer vacation. The Food Services department is gearing up to provide healthy meal choices at the Early Childhood Education Center, Salt River Elementary School, Salt River High School and the Accelerated Learning Academy.



Breakfast is an important part of every child's day: Research suggest students show improvement throughout the school day when they eat a balanced breakfast. At school, students are encouraged to make healthy food choices, which includes eating a healthy breakfast each morning. Our schools provide an "Offer vs. Serve" menu planning tool to students in an effort to help control waste. This tool allows students choose what they will eat, and we are excited to see a lot fruit and vegetables on their plates, in addition to less waste.

Schools across the country, including Salt River Schools, provide reduced-price or free meals to students through the National School Breakfast Program (NSBP), National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the Afterschool Care Snack Program (ASCSP). **Please note: all students at Salt River Schools eat FREE.** However, in order for Salt River Schools to continue to participate in these programs and provide all students free meals, families are encouraged to submit meal applications with information of household size and income, which is used to determine program eligibility.

Children in households that receive benefits from SNAP, FDIR (Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations) or TANF can receive free meals regardless of income. Meal application forms are included in your school registration packets and must be returned to the school office. All applications are handled with extreme care and confidentiality. After meal applications are processed, the head of household will be notified by letter from the school's food services department regarding the student's meal status (Free, Reduced or Paid). This is merely a formality – again, all students at Salt River Schools eat free. There is no need to reply to the letter you receive. Your child will continue to receive free breakfast and lunch, as well as a snack if they participate in afterschool activities.

Thank you we look forward to another great year serving your children!

Salt River Schools Food Services Department

**Required Information:**

Children can receive free or reduced- price meals if your household’s gross income is within the limits of the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. See chart.

Federal Eligibility Income Chart for School Year 2017-2018			
Household Size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$22,311	\$1,860	\$430
2	\$30,044	\$2,504	\$578
3	\$37,777	\$3,149	\$727
4	\$45,510	\$3,793	\$876
5	\$53,243	\$4,437	\$1,024
6	\$60,976	\$5,082	\$1,173
7	\$68,709	\$5,726	\$1,322
8	\$76,442	\$6,371	\$1,471
Each additional person:	+\$7,733	+\$645	+\$149

PLEASE NOTE: ALL STUDENTS enrolled at Salt River Schools eat FREE regardless of the determination of status from meal application. However, our funding for NSBP, NSLP, and ASCSP is based on the return of meal applications and family meal status of (Free, Reduced or Paid)

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