

SEQUOYAH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CHILD NUTRITION DEPARTMENT
918-341-0782

Dear Parents,

The Child Nutrition Department is looking forward to serving your child(ren) a nutritious and pleasing meal for breakfast and lunch. If there are any health concerns please submit an updated **Medical Statement**.

Our lunch accounts are a prepay system, which means you can deposit any amount of money and when your child purchases a meal the price is deducted from their account. We encourage you to prepay their meals at the beginning of each week or by the month.

Cash or check payment accepted daily. **PLEASE NOTE: THE CHARGE LIMITS for PK-2nd is \$40.00 & 3rd-12th GRADE IS \$20.00. Your student will be told their balance daily when their balance is low as they purchase a meal in the secondary sites.** Please read the Sequoyah BoE Meal Charge Policy found on the school website.

On-line payment is available at <https://oked.sylogist.com/Sequoyah> . This requires a guardian portal password. A student password will not be sufficient. You may request a password by scrolling down and clicking the appropriate link. (Request an Account or Forgot Password.)

You may also apply for the **Free & Reduced Program** anytime of the year in addition to the beginning of the year. See attached Qualifications. Options for filling out the form: 1. On-Line at <https://oked.sylogist.com/Sequoyah> in the guardian portal/student records portal. (This is the quickest way to apply.) 2. Print the form, fill it out and turn it in at school. 3. Request a copy be sent home with your student to be completed and sent back to school. You will be notified of the resulting qualification. Which carries over to the first 30 days of next school year. This year's roll off date is September 25, 2025.

A new Free & Reduced form *MUST* be filled out at the start of every year.

The Child Nutrition Director's office is located in the **Mid High Cafeteria.**
Phone number: 918-341-0782.

If you have any questions please call or come by the Child Nutrition office.
Thank You,

Corinne Bridgeman, Child Nutrition Director

Student's Name: _____

Please check one:

____ We do not qualify for free or reduced meal pricing.

____ A family form has already been completed ONLINE.

____ A family form is completed & attached.

Parent's Signature: _____ Please return to the teacher.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Sequoyah Public School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs PK-5th \$1.55 6th – 12th \$1.80; lunch costs PK-2nd \$3.00 3rd-12th \$3.50. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced-price is \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART for School Year: 2026

Household Size	Yearly	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
Each additional person:	10,175	848	424	392	196

2. **HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY?**
Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and have not been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Lynn Schroeder the school, homeless liaison, or migrant coordinator at 918-341-5472 or lynn.schroeder@sequoyaheagles.net.
3. **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Corinne Bridgeman, 16441 S. 4180 RD., Claremore, OK 74017 or Corinne.bridgeman@sequoyaheagles.net.
4. **SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Corinne Bridgeman, 16441 S. 4180 RD., Claremore, OK 74017 or Corinne.bridgeman@sequoyaheagles.net or 918-341-0782 immediately.

5. **CAN I APPLY ONLINE?** Yes! You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit [<https://oked.sylogist.com/Sequoyah>] to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact [Corinne Bridgeman, 16441 S. 4180 RD., Claremore, OK 74017 or Corinne.bridgeman@sequoyaheagles.net or 918-341-0782] if you have any questions about the online application.
6. **MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school's year, through [September 25, 2025]. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
7. **I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC *MAY* be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application.
8. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
9. **IF I DO NOT QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
10. **WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by call or writing to: [Dr. Terry Saul, 16441 S 4180 Rd, Claremore, OK 74017, 918-341-5472, Terry.saul@sequoyaheagles.net]
11. **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A UNITED STATES (U.S.) CITIZEN?** Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.
12. **WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you *NORMALLY* receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month but you missed some work last month and made only \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it; do not include it if you work overtime only sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
13. **WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT?** Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will *ALSO* be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you *MEANT* to do so.
14. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY?** Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
15. **WHAT IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY?** List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application. Contact [(Corinne Bridgeman, 16441 S. 4180 RD., Claremore, OK 74017 or Corinne.bridgeman@sequoyaheagles.net or 918-341-0782)] to receive a second application.
16. **MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for (SNAP) or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-877-760-0114 or scan the QR code

If you have other questions or need help, call [918-341-0782].

Sincerely,

[Corinne Bridgeman]



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