

## 2026-2027 Qualifying Income Scale

We honor the income level that originally qualified the student, or we use the lower-income level of a subsequent application submitted before the time to reapply.

**A qualifying income cannot be more than what is listed below.**

Household Size	Free Lunch Income Level	Reduced Lunch Income Level	200% Of Reduced Lunch Income Level	250% Reapplying Students Only
2	\$28,132	\$40,034	\$80,068	\$100,085
3	\$35,516	\$50,542	\$101,084	\$126,355
4	\$42,900	\$61,050	\$122,100	\$152,625
5	\$50,284	\$71,558	\$143,116	\$178,895
6	\$57,668	\$82,066	\$164,132	\$205,165
7	\$65,052	\$92,574	\$185,148	\$231,435
8	\$72,436	\$103,082	\$206,164	\$257,705
For each additional family member, add	\$7,384	\$10,508	\$21,016	\$26,270

### INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMITS

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1751, et seq.  
Effective from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

### Eligibility Cycles:

To enable SDPE to track the year a student must reapply, we label each student with the year they qualified. The Category Code designations also recognize that the law allows students that qualify in high school to be eligible until they graduate from high school. Those qualifying in 9<sup>th</sup> grade are then eligible without reapplying. If a student's 3-year eligibility overlaps with them entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade, the family may choose to reapply at 9<sup>th</sup> grade and receive the high school rate or stay at the same rate and wait until the initial eligibility runs out.

**2 Gen students, F20, and F23 students must reapply for the 2026-2027 school year.**

- **1 Gen** – A student who first qualified in the 2016-2017 school year
- **2 Gen** – A student who first qualified in the 2017-2018 school year
- **3 Gen** – A student who first qualified in the 2018-2019 school year
- **F19** – A student who first qualified in the 2019-2020 school year
- **F20** – A student who first qualified in the 2020-2021 school year
- **F21** – A student who first qualified in the 2021-2022 school year
- **F22** – A student who first qualified in the 2022-2023 school year
- **F23** – A student who first qualified in the 2023-2024 school year
- **F24** – A student who first qualifies in the 2024-2025 school year
- **F25** – A student who first qualifies in the 2025-2026 school year
- **F26** – A student who first qualifies in the 2026-2027 school year
- **High School** – A student who qualifies or reapplies in HS is eligible for the entirety of HS