# Notice of Approval/Denial for All Students

**[Date]**

**[Child(ren)’s Name(s)]**

**[School(s)]**

**[Parent’s Name and Address]**

Dear Parent//Guardian:

Based on your application or other supporting documentation received by our office, your child/children have been:

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved for free meals based on:

 Household Meal Application *or*

  Direct Certifi­­cation – based on the following qualifying program:

  SNAP  TANF  Foster  FDPIR  Migrant  Homeless  Medicaid-Free

 If directly certified, no further application is necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved for reduced-price meals at $0.40 for lunch and $0.30 for breakfast based on:

  Household Meal Application *or*

  Direct Certification – based on the following qualifying program:

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|  Medicaid – Reduced  |

If directly certified, no further application is necessary. However, if you think your household may qualify for free meals based on household size and income, you may complete a meal application.

\_\_\_\_\_ Denied for the following reasons:

\_\_\_\_\_ Income over the allowable amount.

\_\_\_\_\_ Incomplete application. Complete the following information:

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Please contact your school in the following situations:

* If there are other school-aged children in your household who are not listed above and you would like them to receive meal benefits
* You do not want your child/children to receive meal benefits
* You have additional question­­­

If you do not agree with this decision, you may discuss it with the district's hearing official. You also have a right to a fair hearing. To request a fair hearing, call or write the following official:

**[Name and Title]**

**[Address]**

**[Phone]**

Once approved, your children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals for the remainder of the school year. You may reapply for benefits at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a decrease in household income, become unemployed, have an increase in household size or qualify for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR you may fill out another application at that time.

Sincerely,

**Non-Discrimination Statement**: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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1. Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

1. Fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
2. Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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