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School District of Pickens County today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

Household Size and Income Guidelines for Free Meals or Reduced Price Meals Effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Household size	(1) Free meals – 130%					(2) Reduced price meals – 185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1.....	15,444	1,287	644	594	297	21,978	1,832	916	846	423
2.....	20,826	1,736	868	801	401	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570
3.....	26,208	2,184	1,092	1,008	504	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718
4.....	31,590	2,633	1,317	1,215	608	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865
5.....	36,972	3,081	1,541	1,422	711	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012
6.....	42,354	3,530	1,765	1,629	815	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160
7.....	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8.....	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
For each additional family member, add	5,408	451	226	208	104	7,696	642	321	296	148

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

For school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information on the application: (1) A SNAP or TANF case number certifying the household is currently eligible for either of these assistance programs and an adult household member signature or (2) names of all household members, the name and last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member signing the application form, current income by source for each household member and a signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Foster children may also be eligible for these benefits regardless of household income. If a household has foster children living with them and the household has not previously been notified by the School District that their foster children have been directly certified for free meals, the household should include and count the foster children (including personal income earned by the foster children) on the household application form with other non-foster children.

Under the provisions of the policy Theresa Boggs will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the reviewing official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewer on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to Sally Nicholson whose address is 1400 Griffin Mill Road, Easley, SC 29640 for a hearing to appeal the decision. The hearing procedures are outlined in the policy.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes, the household should contact the school to file a meal application. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for free or reduced price meals if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the office of the District Superintendent where any interested party may review it.

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