

## NUSD Food Service Program

The Business Office is responsible for determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals of schools that participate in the National School Lunch and breakfast programs and Title I programs.

Applications are mailed every year to each household. Applications are also available online at <http://www.nusd.k12.az.us> or at the Business Office. For a child to be eligible for free or reduced price benefits, the household must submit a complete application and be either categorically eligible or have a total household income at or below the amounts on the USDA income chart that accompanies the applications.

A new application must be completed every school year. In order to maximize district funding, we need to have an application on file for each household, even if you do not qualify.

Records will be kept for a period of five years. All information that is provided is treated confidentially and will be safeguarded and available only to the responsible Food Service personnel, Arizona Department of Education Child Nutrition program reviewers, and Arizona Department of Education auditors.

One percent of applications are randomly selected and verified in November of each year. Verification is conformation of eligibility for free and reduced price meals.

NUSD has over 5,000 students that qualify for the free and reduced-price program and we accept applications at any time during the school year. The district also maintains a Universal Free Breakfast Program for all its students.

Southwest Foodservice Excellence is in charge of operating the district's Food Service program. Breakfast and Lunch menus and nutritional information are available at all schools and can also be found on the District's website.

Meal prices for the 2011-2012 school year are listed below. The price of a meal includes milk.

|                    | <b>Elementary Schools</b> | <b>Middle Schools</b> | <b>High Schools</b> | <b>Adults</b>    |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|                    | Breakfast FREE            | Breakfast FREE        | Breakfast FREE      | Breakfast \$2.00 |
|                    | Lunch \$1.75              | Lunch \$2.00          | Lunch \$2.25        | Lunch \$3.00     |
| Effective 1/1/2012 | Breakfast FREE            | Breakfast FREE        | Breakfast FREE      | Breakfast \$2.25 |
| Effective 1/1/2012 | Lunch \$2.00              | Lunch \$2.25          | Lunch \$2.50        | Lunch \$3.25     |

Reduced Lunch is \$.40 at all grade levels.

Milk or juice may be purchased separately for children bringing a sack lunch (\$.30).

Meals must be paid in advance and may be paid for on a daily, weekly or monthly basis.

Students that qualify for paid meals will only be allowed to charge a maximum of three (3) meals. Alternative meals that also meet nutritional guidelines will be offered and charged to the student thereafter until the student's account is paid in full.

Questions may be directed to Sandy Alcantar @ 520-397-7947.