

# More Than a Meal

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Q: What is the ‘More Than a Meal’ Campaign?**

A: ‘More Than a Meal’ is a communications campaign aimed at ensuring parents complete and submit an LAUSD meal applications for the 2015-16 school year.

**Q: Why do I need to complete the LAUSD Meal Application?**

A: Parents need to complete the meal application because it will provide LAUSD with important information needed to determine free and reduced price meal eligibility and how much funding our District will receive, based on student need.

**Q: When must meal applications be turned in?**

A: Meal applications should be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible (preferably within the first week of school).

**Q: How many forms will I receive?**

A: You will receive one meal application for your household. You will not need to complete multiple forms even if you have more than one child attending LAUSD schools.

**Q: Will the meal application affect my child’s access to school meals?**

A: Yes. Completing the meal application is how we determine at what eligibility a student can participate in the meal program. We want to reassure you that your child(ren) will continue to have access to school meals.

**Q: How will the information collected on these forms be used?**

A: The information collected in these forms is **100% confidential** and will not be used for any other purpose. The information you provide is used to determine free and reduced-price meal eligibility and informs the State to determine how much supplemental funding it will provide to LAUSD.

**Q: How do I know if I need to fill out a form? [If parents did not receive a form and have questions.]**

A: This year, meal applications were sent to most all LAUSD student homes for the purpose of verifying student meal eligibility. If you did not receive a form, please contact our school's front office to obtain a copy or complete the application online by visiting <http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/852>. If you participate in any of the County or State programs like SNAP, CalWorks, etc. you may not need to complete an application and

should have received a letter stating that your children were Directly Certified to participate in the meal program at no charge. Please verify this with the school foodservice manager.

**Q: What is the deadline to submit meal applications for identifying students for supplemental funding sources?**

A: October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 is the deadline for guaranteed processing for LCFF, Title I and Provision 2 programs. Any forms that are received by this date can and will be processed and the resulting eligibility will be applied towards these programs.

Because lunch applications can be processed at any time of the school year (in terms of providing meals to individual students) we still need schools to submit all forms that come in after October 23<sup>rd</sup> immediately. However, there is no guarantee that we will be able to use the data for LCFF, Title I or Provision 2 determinations.

**PARENT SUPPORT**

When parents have questions regarding meal applications, please have them call (213) 241-3185, contact your school food services manager, or visit

<http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/852>.