



HUNGER FREE STUDENTS

CONNECTING STUDENTS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD IN SCHOOL AND AT HOME

It's hard to ensure that students are receiving the food they need to fuel their studies, but there's a simple way your school can help. Include a checkbox on the Free and Reduced-Price Lunch form that prompts a referral to our Food Resource Hotline. Once Hunger Free Colorado receives the referral, food resource navigators reach out and help families apply for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and connect them to nearby food resources. Students participating in SNAP are automatically certified for free school meals.

STEP 2. OPTIONAL Does your family receive Food Stamps (SNAP), Monetary Assistance (TANF), or FDPIR? If yes, please add case number starting with 1B. Medicaid is NOT a qualifier for Free and Reduced meals.

After adding case number, you can sign and date application and return it to school cafeteria, school secretary or Nutrition Services.

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MEDICAID AND/OR STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SCHIP) - The information provided in the application may be shared with Medicaid or SCHIP offices to seek enrollment of children into the above programs. You are not required to consent to the disclosure of this information. This will not affect your student(s)' eligibility for school meals.

Your information WILL be shared unless you check this box:

Please do not share my information with the Medicaid or SCHIP Offices.

Check this box if you would like Hunger Free Colorado to call you regarding SNAP and food resources in your area.

HOW DOES THIS HELP YOUR SCHOOL?

- Helps lower school lunch debt.
- Ensures students have the food they need to thrive.
- Reduces administrative burden.

This initiative can also increase a school's Identified Student Percentage (ISP), making it eligible for new funding resources.



If you have questions about Hunger Free Students or how helping families connect with SNAP can help your school, contact info@HungerFreeColorado.org.