

School Nutrition Notices 2023-24SY

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Free and Reduced Lunch Program 2023-24 SY

KIPP South Fulton Academy participates in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program which provides free and reduced price meals for families unable to pay the full price for meals served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program.

Scholars are eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the following:

- Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown in the table above.
- All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court.
- Families with foster children should contact the school for information regarding benefits.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant.
- Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

All KIPP South Fulton Academy families are receiving a Free and Reduced Lunch application and explanation letter. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all scholars in a household. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time with each school district required to verify a sample annually. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. Additional forms are available from the office. All families are strongly encouraged to complete and return an application. Contact KIPP South Fulton Academy's main office at 678-278-0160 if you need help completing the application.

For school officials to determine eligibility, households receiving SNAP or TANF must list the child's name, their SNAP or TANF case number, and the signature of an adult household member. Households not receiving SNAP or TANF must list child's name, names of all household members, the last four digits of the Social Security number of a parent or guardian (or an indication of no Social Security number), the amount of income received by each household member identified by source and frequency, and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct. An application that is not complete cannot be approved.

If a household does not agree with the eligibility determination, a hearing may be requested with Kerry Perkins at kperkins@kippmetroatlanta.org or 470-740-7601.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used to determine eligibility and verify data. We may inform officials connected with other child nutrition, health, and education programs of the information on your form to determine benefits for those programs or for funding and/or evaluation purposes.

A child's free or reduced-price eligibility status from the previous year will continue in the same school district for up to 30 operating days in the new school year. If a new application is not approved or the child is not directly certified by this time, meals will be charged at the full price.



Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

By participating in the <u>Community Eligibility Provision</u> (CEP) and eliminating the need for meal applications, KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools will reduce administrative and printing costs. Families also benefit from the elimination of completing and submitting meal applications.

Scholars need healthy meals to learn. KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools offers healthy meals every school day at no charge to scholars. Our food service receives support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

The following schools will be participating in this alternative provision and provide meals at no charge to scholars:

- KIPP Atlanta Collegiate
- KIPP Soul Academy
- KIPP Soul Primary
- KIPP STRIVE Academy
- KIPP STRIVE Primary
- KIPP Vision Academy
- KIPP Vision Primary
- KIPP WAYS Academy
- KIPP WAYS Primary
- KIPP Woodson Park Academy



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