

# Free Meals for Elementary & Junior High Students in School Year 2023-2024



**Hughes Springs ISD is happy to announce that during the 2023-2024 school year, healthy meals will be offered every school day to all students at the ELEMENTARY & JUNIOR HIGH campuses at no cost to families.**

This is through the Texas Department of Agriculture's Community Eligibility Provision – which these two campuses qualify for!

Each elementary and junior high student will receive one free breakfast and one free lunch each school day, if they choose to eat in the cafeteria.

Extra and a la carte items (chips, ice cream, extra meals, etc.) will still be available for students to purchase if they have money in their food service account!

Hughes Springs ISD is still required to collect and report the socioeconomic status of each student to the Texas Education Agency for purposes of the annual state accountability ratings and for federal reporting. Normally this is accomplished on the Free/Reduced Lunch forms. Since those will not be required this year for Elementary & Jr. High, you will see a new Socioeconomic Information Form in online registration that will help us complete this requirement!

Please be sure to complete the form as it helps our district qualify for grants and other programs (such as the free meals for all students) that greatly benefit our community & HSISD families!

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# Meals for High School Students in School Year 2023-2024



***Unfortunately, HSISD WILL NOT be able to offer free meals for high school students – our high school DID NOT qualify for the Community Eligibility Provision like our other two campuses.***

**High school students will need to fill out the 2023-2024 Standard Application for Free and Reduced Priced Meals to see if they qualify for Free or Reduced meals!**

**You will need to get this completed and turned in before school starts in order to start eating free/reduced the first day of school!!!!**

A copy of the application will be emailed out to all high school parents, it will be handed out when 1:1 computer check out is done, it is available on our website (District – Food Services), it is available in the high school office or at the Administration building across from Spring Market. If you have any questions about this form, please contact Ms. Martinez at 903-639-3809.

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