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**NEWS RELEASE — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Lexington District One announces free and reduced-price meal program details**

LEXINGTON, S.C. — Lexington County School District One today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Local school officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

**Household Size and Income Guidelines for Free Meals or Reduced-Price Meals Effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023**

<b>Income Eligibility Guidelines Effective from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023</b>										
Household size	REDUCED PRICE MEALS – 185%					FREE MEALS – 130%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1	25,142	2,096	1,048	967	484	17,667	1,473	737	680	340
2	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652	23,803	1,984	992	916	458
3	42,606	3,551	1,776	1,639	820	29,939	2,495	1,248	1,152	576
4	51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	988	36,075	3,007	1,504	1,388	694
5	60,070	5,006	2,503	2,311	1,156	42,211	3,518	1,759	1,624	812
6	68,802	5,734	2,867	2,647	4,324	48,347	4,029	2,015	1,860	930
7	77,534	6,462	3,231	2,983	1,492	54,483	4,541	2,271	2,096	1,048
8	86,266	7,189	3,595	3,318	1,659	60,619	5,052	2,526	2,332	1,166
For each additional family member, add	8,732	728	364	336	168	6,136	512	256	236	118

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

For school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information on the application:

1. a SNAP or TANF case number certifying the household is currently eligible for either of these assistance programs and an adult household member signature; or
2. names of all household members, the name and last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member signing the application form, current income by source for each household member and a signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Foster children may also be eligible for these benefits regardless of household income. If a household has foster children living with them and the household has not previously been notified by the district that their foster children have been directly certified for free meals, the household should include and count the foster children (including personal income earned by the foster children) on the household application form with other non-foster children.

Under the provisions of the policy, Lexington District One Food Service and Nutrition Bookkeeper Rita Squires will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the reviewing official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewer on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to Jennifer Miller, chief financial officer, whose address is P.O. Box 1869, Lexington, SC 29071-1869, (803) 821-1000 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

The hearing procedures are outlined in the policy.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes, the household should complete a meal application online at <https://family.titank12.com/> or contact the school to request a paper application. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the Office of the Superintendent where any interested party may review it.

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