



GOLETA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Food Services

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Goleta Union School District announces that it will be serving meals to students under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the **2023-2024** school year. All students will be offered breakfast and lunch at no charge under the California Universal Meals Program at the following sites:

Brandon Elementary School, Kellogg Elementary School, El Camino Elementary School, Isla Vista Elementary School, Mountain View Elementary School, Hollister Elementary School, La Patera Elementary School, Ellwood Elementary School, Foothill Elementary School

For additional information, please contact:
Goleta Union School District Food Services
805-681-1200 ext. 2247
401 N. Fairview Avenue
Goleta, CA 93117

While the program will offer free Universal Meals for all students, households will continue to be able to complete the Education and Nutrition Benefit Form, which supports the school district's local education funding and could also qualify the family for additional benefits. Regardless of your determined eligibility status, your child will continue to receive free meals for the 2023-2024 school year.

Households do not need to submit an application when the household receives a notification letter saying that all children automatically qualify for free meals when any household member receives benefits from SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR. Children who meet the definition of foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway, and children enrolled in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals. Contact school officials if any child in the household is not on the notification letter.

Applications are available at school offices or at the Food Service office, located at 401 N. Fairview Avenue, Goleta, CA 93117. For a simple and secure method to apply, use our online application at EzMealApp.com. Applicants will be notified of results.

Households may turn in an application at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now, but your household income goes down, household size goes up, or a household member starts receiving SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR, you may turn in an application at that time. Information given on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school officials. The last four digits of the Social Security number from any adult household or checking that you do not have a Social Security number is required if you include income on the application.

Your child's eligibility status from last school year will continue into the new school year for up to 30 school days or until the school processes your new application, or your child is otherwise certified for free or reduced-price meals.

If you do not agree with the decision or results of verification, you may discuss it with school officials. You also have the right to a fair hearing, which may be requested by calling or writing the hearing official: Amanda Martinez, GUSD Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services, Civil Rights Coordinator, (805) 681-1200 ext. 2220.

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