

**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2006-2007 MEDIA RELEASE FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS  
IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS**

*(On August 14, 2006, this public release will be sent to Harrah's Lake Tahoe, Harvey's Resort & Casino, Bill's Lake Tahoe Casino, Lakeside Inn & Casino, Caesar's Tahoe, Horizon Casino Resort, the Tahoe Daily Tribune, and the Mountain News)*

Lake Tahoe Unified School District today announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the *National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program*. Each school and/or the central office have a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free, reduced-price, or full-price meal benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown here are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Children who receive Food Stamp (FS), California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments (Kin-GAP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits are automatically eligible for free meals regardless of the income of the household in which they reside. Eligibility for a foster child is based on a separate application and solely on the amount of the child's "personal use" income.

*Income Eligibility Guidelines*  
**July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007**

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FREE ELIGIBILITY SCALE LUNCH, BREAKFAST, MILK					REDUCED-PRICE ELIGIBILITY SCALE lunch, breakfast				
	YEAR	MONTH	TWICE PER month	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEK	YEAR	MONTH	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEK
<b>1</b>	\$ 12,740	\$ 1,062	\$ 531	\$ 490	\$ 245	\$ 18,130	\$ 1,511	\$ 756	\$ 698	\$ 349
<b>2</b>	17,160	1,430	715	660	330	24,420	2,035	1,018	940	470
<b>3</b>	21,580	1,799	900	830	415	30,710	2,560	1,280	1,182	591
<b>4</b>	26,000	2,167	1,084	1,000	500	37,000	3,084	1,542	1,424	712
<b>5</b>	30,420	2,535	1,268	1,170	585	43,290	3,608	1,804	1,665	833
<b>6</b>	34,840	2,904	1,452	1,340	670	49,580	4,132	2,066	1,907	954
<b>7</b>	39,260	3,272	1,636	1,510	755	55,870	4,656	2,328	2,149	1,075
<b>8</b>	43,680	3,640	1,820	1,680	840	62,160	5,180	2,590	2,391	1,196
<b>For each additional family member, add:</b>										
	\$ 4,420	\$ 369	\$ 185	\$ 170	\$ 85	\$ 6,290	\$ 525	\$ 263	\$ 242	\$ 121

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Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing them of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for enrolled children. Applications are also available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits, households must complete an application and return it to the school for processing. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used to determine meal eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or program officials.

Requirements for school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits are as follows: For households receiving Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR benefits – applications need only include the enrolled child(ren)'s name, Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR case number, and the signature of an adult household member. For households who do not list a Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR case number, the application must include the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the signature and corresponding Social Security number of an adult household member. If the household member who signs the application does not have a Social Security number, the household member must indicate on the application that a Social Security number is not available.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the determining official(s), as designated by the sponsor/agency, shall review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the eligibility ruling may discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents may also make a formal request for an appeal hearing of the decision and may do so orally or in writing with the sponsor/agency's hearing official. Parents or guardians should contact their child(ren)'s school(s) for specific information regarding the name of the determining official and/or hearing official for a specific school, agency, or district.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.