

# Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District is pleased to announce our participation in the National School Lunch Program. Meals will be available to all children at our following schools: Houghtaling, Fawn Mountain, Point Higgins, Ketchikan Charter School, Tongass School, Schoenbar, Revilla, and Kayhi. Meals meet nutritional standards set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Our schools will participate in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

If your income is less than or equal to the following guidelines you are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. These guidelines are effective **July 1, 2017** through **June 30, 2018**. If you have children who are approved for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPRI), they are automatically able to receive free meals by filing an application that includes their assistance number from one of those programs. Students who are migrant, homeless, or runaways are automatically eligible and do not need to fill out an application. Foster children receive free meals regardless of the income of the household with which they reside. Note: Medicaid and Denali Kid Care case numbers do not qualify for eligibility.

## Alaska Income Eligibility Guidelines July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018

Household Size	Reduced Price Meals – 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines					Free Meals – 130 % of Federal Poverty Guidelines				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	27,861	2,322	1,161	1,072	536	19,578	1,632	816	753	377
2	37,537	3,129	1,565	1,444	722	26,377	2,199	1,100	1,015	508
3	47,212	3,935	1,968	1,816	908	33,176	2,765	1,383	1,276	638
4	56,888	4,741	2,371	2,188	1,094	39,975	3,332	1,666	1,538	769
5	66,563	5,547	2,774	2,561	1,281	46,774	3,898	1,949	1,799	900
6	76,239	6,354	3,177	2,933	1,467	53,573	4,465	2,233	2,061	1,031
7	85,914	7,160	3,580	3,305	1,653	60,372	5,031	2,516	2,322	1,161
8	95,590	7,966	3,983	3,677	1,839	67,171	5,598	2,799	2,584	1,292
For each additional family member add:										
	9,676	807	404	373	187	6,799	567	284	262	131

### Definitions

**Family:** A household or family is defined as a group of related or unrelated individuals who are living as one economic unit.

**Income:** Income is the money received by any member of the household before such deductions as taxes and Social Security. It includes the following: salary or wages; earnings from self-employment, Social Security, pensions, retirement and disability payments; and other cash income received or withdrawn from any source which would be available for payment of a child's meal. Food Stamp benefits are not included.

Current income is determined by the income received by all members of the household during the month prior to application. But if this income was much higher or lower than usual, the expected income for this year (12 months starting from the month prior to application) should be used. For example, self-employed people such as fishermen and farmers should use yearly income.

We can't approve your application unless it's complete. The information you give us on your application may be checked at any time. You may apply for free or reduced price meals at any time during the school year if your situation changes. If you become unemployed, your child(ren) may be able to have free or reduced priced meals based on your unemployment income. If we deny your free or reduced price meals application, we will give you a chance to appeal the decision.

**Acronyms for Public Assistance:**

TANF = Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

FDPRI = Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

SNAP = Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, *formerly the Food Stamp Program*

SSI = Social Security Income

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