

**VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL NEWS RELEASE - PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Voorheesville Central School District is announcing the free and reduced price meals for its students for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. Local school officials have adopted the following family eligibility criteria to assist them in determining eligibility:

**FREE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART  
INCOME CHART EFFECTIVE FROM JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010**

| Household Size                           | Annual   | Monthly | Twice Per Month | Every Two Weeks | Weekly |
|--|----------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1  | \$14,079 | \$1,174 | \$ 587          | \$ 542          | \$271  |
| 2  | 18,941   | 1,579   | 790             | 729             | 365    |
| 3  | 23,803   | 1,984   | 992             | 916             | 458    |
| 4  | 28,665   | 2,389   | 1,195           | 1,103           | 552    |
| 5  | 33,527   | 2,794   | 1,397           | 1,290           | 645    |
| 6  | 38,389   | 3,200   | 1,600           | 1,477           | 739    |
| 7  | 43,251   | 3,605   | 1,803           | 1,664           | 832    |
| 8  | 48,113   | 4,010   | 2,005           | 1,851           | 926    |
| For each additional Family member<br>ADD | +4,862   | +406    | +203            | +187            | +94    |

**REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART  
INCOME CHART EFFECTIVE FROM JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010**

| Household Size                              | Annual   | Month   | Twice Monthly | Biweekly | Weekly |
|---|----------|---------|---------------|----------|--------|
| 1   | \$20,036 | \$1,670 | \$835         | \$771    | \$386  |
| 2   | 26,955   | 2,247   | 1,124         | 1,037    | 519    |
| 3   | 33,874   | 2,823   | 1,412         | 1,303    | 652    |
| 4   | 40,793   | 3,400   | 1,700         | 1,569    | 785    |
| 5   | 47,712   | 3,976   | 1,988         | 1,836    | 918    |
| 6   | 54,631   | 4,553   | 2,277         | 2,102    | 1,051  |
| 7   | 61,550   | 5,130   | 2,565         | 2,368    | 1,184  |
| 8   | 68,469   | 5,706   | 2,853         | 2,634    | 1,317  |
| For each additional household member<br>ADD | +6,919   | +577    | +289          | +267     | +134   |

**FOOD STAMP/ADC/TANF/FDPIR HOUSEHOLDS:** Households which currently include children who receive Food Stamps, or Aid to Dependent Children (ADC)/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), must complete an application listing the child's name, a food stamp, ADC/TANF or FDPIR number, and the signature of an adult household member, or provide a Direct Certification letter from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Children in the household with the same case number may be included on the same application. Children in the same household with different case numbers need separate applications. If the family does not list a food stamp, ADC/TANF, or FDPIR number for all children for whom they are applying, then the application must contain all the information as required for "other households" as described below.

**OTHER HOUSEHOLDS:** Households with incomes the same or below the amount of money listed above for their family size may be eligible for and are urged to apply for free and/or reduced price meals. They may do so by filling in the application forms sent home with a notice to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year to the building principal.

The information provided on the application will be confidential and will be used for determining eligibility. The names and eligibility status of participants may also be used for the allocation of funds to Federal education

programs such as Title I and National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), State health or State education programs, provided the State agency or local education agency administers the programs, and for Federal, State or local means-tested nutrition programs with eligibility standards comparable to the NSLP. Eligibility information may also be released to programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or the Child Nutrition Act (CNA). The release of information to any program or entity not specifically authorized by the NSLA will require a written consent statement from the parent or guardian.

The School District does, however, have the right to verify, at any time during the school year, the information on the application. If a parent does not give the school this information, the child/children will no longer be able to receive free or reduced price meals.

Foster children may also be eligible for these benefits. An application for a foster child must contain the child's name, the child's "personal use" income and an adult signature.

Under the provisions of the policy, the designated official (building principal) will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the designated official, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision.

The Hearing Official is: Mrs. Sarita Winchell, Voorheesville Central School District, 432 New Salem Road, P.O. Box 498, Voorheesville, New York 12186, (518) 765-3313.

Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. However, prior to initiating the hearing procedure, the parent or School Food Authority may request a conference to provide an opportunity for the parent and the official to discuss the situation, present information and obtain an explanation of the data submitted in the application or the decisions rendered. The request for a conference shall not in any way prejudice or diminish the right to a fair hearing.

Only complete applications can be approved. This includes complete and accurate information regarding: The Food Stamp, ADC/TANF or FDPIR number; the names of all household members; the social security number of the person who signs the form or an indication that the adult does not have one; and the amount and source of income received by each household member. In addition, the parent or guardian must sign the application form, certifying the information is true and correct.

**NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:** This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call 800-795-3272 or 202-720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

A complete copy of this policy is on file in the District Office where it may be viewed by any interested persons.