

<p>2011/2012 MEDIA RELEASE FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS</p>	<p>On August 9, 2011, this public release was/will be sent to North County Times</p>

Guajome Park Academy today announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the *National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program*.

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 CalFresh, 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. Foster children may be included in the application with other children in your household, but their eligibility is based on their "Personal Use Income."

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
1	\$ 14,157	\$ 1,180	\$ 590	\$ 545	\$ 273	\$ 20,147	\$ 1,679	\$ 840	\$ 775	\$ 388
2	19,123	1,594	797	736	368	27,214	2,268	1,134	1,047	524
3	24,089	2,008	1,004	927	464	34,281	2,857	1,429	1,319	660
4	29,055	2,422	1,211	1,118	559	41,348	3,446	1,723	1,591	796
5	34,021	2,836	1,418	1,309	655	48,415	4,035	2,018	1,863	932
6	38,987	3,249	1,625	1,500	750	55,482	4,624	2,312	2,134	1,067
7	43,953	3,663	1,832	1,691	846	62,549	5,213	2,607	2,406	1,203
8	48,919	4,077	2,039	1,882	941	69,616	5,802	2,901	2,678	1,339
For each additional family member, add:										
	\$ 4,966	\$ 414	\$ 207	\$ 191	\$ 96	\$ 7,067	\$ 589	\$ 295	\$ 272	\$ 136

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MEDIA RELEASE FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

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 administration office of Guajome Park Academy. 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 CalFresh, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR benefits – applications need only include the enrolled child(ren)'s name, CalFresh, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR case number, and the signature of an adult household member. For households who do not list a CalFresh, 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 last four digits of the 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 administration, 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 school's hearing official. Parents or guardians should contact Guajome Park Academy for specific information regarding the name of the determining official and/or hearing official.

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.

Households that receive CalFresh, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR benefits may not have to complete an *Application for Free or Reduced-Price Meals*. School officials will determine eligibility for free meals based on documentation obtained directly from the CalFresh, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR office that a child is a member of a household currently receiving CalFresh or FDPIR benefits or an assistance unit receiving CalWORKs or Kin-GAP benefits. School officials will notify households of their eligibility, but those who do not want their child(ren) to receive free meals must contact the school. CalFresh, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, and FDPIR households should complete an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by September 1, 2011.