



# Minnesota Free School Meals Program

The Minnesota Free School Meals Program provides state and federal funding that allows all students to receive one free breakfast and one free lunch on school days at schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

## **What is included in the MN Free School Meals Program?**

Students may receive one free school breakfast and one free school lunch each school day. Students must take a complete meal.

- Breakfast: The student must choose at least three items, including a ½ cup serving of fruit or vegetable.
- Lunch: The student must choose at least three components, including a ½ cup serving of fruit or vegetable.

 ***If a student does not take a complete meal, the student's account will be charged for the food or beverages taken.*** 

## **What is NOT included in the MN Free School Meals Program?**

Single item purchases and non-reimbursable meals are not free. Some examples include:

- carton of milk
- snack items
- second entrée
- second breakfast or a second lunch
- meals that do not meet the minimum requirements
- meals served to teachers, staff, and other adults

## ***Do I still need to complete the Application for Educational Benefits?***

Yes, it is important for families to complete the Application for Educational Benefits. Applications for Educational Benefits determine how much funding your child's school receives for educational programs and supports.