

**2017 – 2018 Big Pine U.S.D. Pricing
For free and reduced-price meals in the National School Breakfast/Lunch Program**

The Big Pine Unified School District gives formal posting of its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. The school office has a copy of the letter sent to parents of Big Pine U.S.D. students. If you would like to receive a copy please contact the school office at 760-938-2222.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Effective from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES ANNUAL	REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185 %					FREE MEALS - 130 %				
		ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND TERRITORIES											
1	12,060	22,311	1,860	930	859	430	15,678	1,307	654	603	302
2	16,240	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578	21,112	1,760	880	812	406
3	20,420	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727	26,546	2,213	1,107	1,021	511
4	24,600	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876	31,980	2,665	1,333	1,230	615
5	28,780	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024	37,414	3,118	1,559	1,439	720
6	32,960	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173	42,848	3,571	1,786	1,648	824
7	37,140	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322	48,282	4,024	2,012	1,857	929
8	41,320	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471	53,716	4,477	2,239	2,066	1,033
For each add'l family member, add	4,180	7,733	645	323	298	149	5,434	453	227	209	105
ALASKA											
1	15,060	27,861	2,322	1,161	1,072	536	19,578	1,632	816	753	377
2	20,290	37,537	3,129	1,565	1,444	722	26,377	2,199	1,100	1,015	508
3	25,520	47,212	3,935	1,968	1,816	908	33,176	2,765	1,383	1,276	638
4	30,750	56,888	4,741	2,371	2,188	1,094	39,975	3,332	1,666	1,538	769
5	35,980	66,563	5,547	2,774	2,561	1,281	46,774	3,898	1,949	1,799	900
6	41,210	76,239	6,354	3,177	2,933	1,467	53,573	4,465	2,233	2,061	1,031
7	46,440	85,914	7,160	3,580	3,305	1,653	60,372	5,031	2,516	2,322	1,161
8	51,670	95,590	7,966	3,983	3,677	1,839	67,171	5,598	2,799	2,584	1,292
For each add'l family member, add	5,230	9,676	807	404	373	187	6,799	567	284	262	131
HAWAII											
1	13,860	25,641	2,137	1,069	987	494	18,018	1,502	751	693	347
2	18,670	34,540	2,879	1,440	1,329	665	24,271	2,023	1,012	934	467
3	23,480	43,438	3,620	1,810	1,671	836	30,524	2,544	1,272	1,174	587
4	28,290	52,337	4,362	2,181	2,013	1,007	36,777	3,065	1,533	1,415	708
5	33,100	61,235	5,103	2,552	2,356	1,178	43,030	3,586	1,793	1,655	828
6	37,910	70,134	5,845	2,923	2,698	1,349	49,283	4,107	2,054	1,896	948
7	42,720	79,032	6,586	3,293	3,040	1,520	55,536	4,628	2,314	2,136	1,068
8	47,530	87,931	7,328	3,664	3,382	1,691	61,789	5,150	2,575	2,377	1,189
For each add'l family member, add	4,810	8,899	742	371	343	172	6,253	522	261	241	121

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.

Households that receive Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR benefits may not have to complete an *Application for Free or Reduced-Price Meals or Free Milk*. School officials will determine eligibility for free meals based on documentation obtained directly from the Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR office that a child is a member of a household currently receiving Food Stamp 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. Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, and FDPIR households should complete an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by Friday, August 16, 2017.