



# Ledyard Public Schools

Administrative Offices

Dear Ledyard Families,

For the 2023-24 school year, the State of Connecticut has invested funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to allow:

- All students to receive breakfast meals at no cost
- Students who are eligible for reduced-price meals to receive a lunch at no cost

Qualification limits for the Free and Reduced Lunch program set by the State have changed. Based on this, we strongly encourage every family to complete this year's application.

State/Federal funding for universal free meals concluded at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. For school year 2023-2024, **students not eligible for free or reduced-price meals will be responsible to pay for lunch.**

We need the support of the ***entire*** school community in order to help those who need it the most and ensure that Ledyard receives the funding it deserves through various State/Federal grants.

## **Simply completing a Free and Reduced Lunch application helps our community:**

- ★ Qualify and receive state funding, thereby reducing the district's cost to Ledyard taxpayers
- ★ Receive special grant opportunities that provide essential education to our students most in need
- ★ Provide no cost or reduced cost access to student benefits including athletics, field trips, testing fees, and college application fees

These applications are strictly confidential, and can be filled out electronically in the links attached below.

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

[Mandarin](#)

If you would like a paper copy of the Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) application, kindly contact the school secretary or Siobhan Brannen, Administrative Assistant to Operations and Facilities, at [sbrannen@ledyard.net](mailto:sbrannen@ledyard.net) or 860-464-9255 x 1700. You can then return it to your child's school, or drop it into our secure drop box at the Central Office entry.

We appreciate your support for this important program and we look forward to seeing your students back in our schools again!

## *Free and Reduced Lunch by the numbers*

**302,182**  
*The number of meals served  
provided to the Ledyard  
community last school year*

**\$954**  
*The cost to feed one student  
for a year*

**5**  
*Positions funded  
partially by FRL  
related grants*

### **Important points of clarification:**

- Every student is eligible for **one** Free Breakfast regardless of FRL status
- Free meals are only for a **single** lunch each day per student
- Those qualified for Reduced Lunch will receive it free
- Additional meals and a la carte items must be paid for by the student's account, and students must have a positive balance on their account in order to purchase these items; updated meal prices and more information regarding adding funds to student accounts can be found on [this page](#)

### **Student Food Service Accounts and My School Bucks**

Students may bring cash or a check to school to add funds to their food service account, or use My School Bucks to add funds. Instructions and more information are available [here](#).

### **Ledyard.net Food Service Website**

Please [visit us on the web](#) for menus, meal prices, access to the payment portal, free and reduced lunch information, and much more!

### [USDA Nondiscrimination Statement](#)

**Note:** Students who receive State aid are considered Direct Certified (receiving SNAP, TFA, or Medicaid), and do not need to complete an application. They will be approved automatically.