

More Than a Meal

Message Points for Parents/Community

- This year, the District is launching the 'More Than a Meal' campaign aimed at driving parents and guardians to complete and submit meal applications.
- Completing meal applications takes on additional meaning this year as it not only serves to verify student eligibility for free and reduced-price meal participation, but also acts as a means for identifying our highest-needs students to ensure that we provide them with necessary supports.
- Our highest-needs students are defined as: low-income students, English learners and foster youth.
- This year, the meal application has multiple benefits:
 - Eligibility for free- and reduced-price healthy meals
 - More funding for schools to serve their highest-needs students
 - Funding for before and after school academic and enrichment programs, classroom instruction, and fee waivers
- Households will receive only one meal application, regardless of how many students they have attending LAUSD schools
- Every student will not receive a meal application. The State already has eligibility information for students participating in other public benefit programs, and will not require meal applications for these students.
- Every eligible form counts. Turning in your form means healthy meals for your child and more money for our schools. We want to make sure that every student receives the money they need to succeed.
- It is very important that you fill out the meal application and turn it in by our school's due date. This information will help to determine how much money LAUSD receives as well as your child's eligibility for free and reduced price meals.
- The information collected is **100% confidential** and will not be used for any other purposes.
- When parents have questions regarding meal applications, please have them call (213) 241-3185 or contact your school food services manager.

