

Public Release Free and Reduced-Price School Meals

Universal Free Meals

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Gooding School District today announced its participation in National School Lunch Programs **Universal Free Breakfast ONLY and Universal Breakfast & Lunch**. Each school and the office of the Local School District has a copy of their policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

All children will receive free meals under Universal Free, both breakfast and lunch, at the following schools:

School Name (add rows for additional schools)
Gooding Elementary School (Breakfast Only)
Gooding Elementary Pre-School (Breakfast & Lunch)
Gooding Middle School (Breakfast Only)
Gooding Alternative Learning Center (Breakfast & Lunch)

Families must submit free and reduced-price meal applications to establish correct claiming percentages. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

INCOME CHART (BEFORE DEDUCTIONS)

Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly
-1-	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$1,124	\$1,038	\$519
-2-	\$36,482	\$3,041	\$1,521	\$1,404	\$702
-3-	\$45,991	\$3,833	\$1,917	\$1,769	\$885
-4-	\$55,500	\$4,625	\$2,313	\$2,135	\$1,068
-5-	\$65,009	\$5,418	\$2,709	\$2,501	\$1,251
-6-	\$74,518	\$6,210	\$3,105	\$2,867	\$1,434
-7-	\$84,027	\$7,003	\$3,502	\$3,232	\$1,616
-8-	\$93,536	\$7,795	\$3,898	\$3,598	\$1,799

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly
For each additional family member add	\$9,509	\$793	\$397	\$366	\$183

Application forms are available to all homes, along with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies of the form are available at each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

Households with any member who is receiving Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho (TAFI) or Food Distribution on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are only required to provide the recipient's name, their food stamp, TAFI or FDPIR case number, the student/s name and an adult signature.

For other applicants, the household must list the names of all household members, all household income with the amount, source and frequency of the income received by each household member. If a household member does not have income, the no income box must be checked. An adult signature is required along with the last 4 digits of the adult's social security number. The signature of the adult household member certifies that the information provided is correct.

You may include all foster children's names on a household application with other non-foster children. Foster children are eligible for school meal benefits. Foster children must be the legal responsibility of the welfare agency or the court.

Students who are homeless, runaway or migrant are also eligible for benefits. Household members do not have to be US citizens for students to qualify for benefits.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Under the provisions of free-and-reduced-price meal policy the Determining Official will review the applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official(s) may wish to discuss the decision with the Determining Official(s) on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to the Hearing Official for a hearing on the decision.

Anji Branch, B.S., SNS, CN Director

David Carson, Superintendent

507 Idaho Street, Gooding, ID 83330

Determining Official(s)

Name, address, and telephone number of Hearing Official

The school MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

This information was posted to:

- School District Website | Date posted: **7/11/024**
- School District Facebook Page | Date posted: **7/11/2024**
- Student Handbook | Date posted:
- School Newsletter | Date posted:
- Other: | Date posted:

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
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Program.Intake@usda.gov

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