



**SCHOOL
MEAL
PROGRAM**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN



The SMP team is here for you.

We understand the current government shutdown may be creating financial stress!

To help during this time, we encourage families impacted by the shutdown to apply for **FREE and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits**.

OUR COMMITMENT:SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE

We're dedicated to making sure every student continues to receive healthy, nutritious meals-no matter what.

What you need to know

Apply now: Families affected by the shutdown must submit a Free and Reduced Price Meal (FaRM) application to receive benefits.

Not Automatic: Meal benefits are not automatically granted-you must apply.

Based on Current Income: Eligibility is determined by your household's current income.

Furloughed? Report the reduced income of any furloughed household members.

Zero Income Applications: These will only be accepted while the shutdown is ongoing.

Effective Immediately: If approved, benefits begin the day your applications is received.

Reapply Later: Once regular pay resumes, families will need to reapply with updated income.

Visit the LINQ Connect Parent Portal at <http://www.linqconnect.com> to apply.

Please contact your school's kitchen supervisor or **Manager Sabine Howell** at howellsab@aafes.com.