



# Important!



***Both your child and your child's school will prosper...  
Meal applications provide more than just a free lunch...***

The district is spreading the word that families in the free- and reduced-price meal program are eligible for additional perks, including a discount on Internet service through Comcast and AT&T, a discount on PG&E energy bills, and discounted fees for the Advanced Placement and SAT exams.

"The state's new funding formula for public education in California compensates districts with additional funds for **each student who qualifies** for free and reduced meal services. **It is important to have all PUSD families complete the form so that each student is counted.**" This could mean thousands of dollars for Paradise Unified schools.

Some parents are concerned about listing income amounts and social security numbers on the application. Any personal information you provide will not be shared.

- Free and reduced price meal applications are **confidential**. Your information will only be used to determine your child's eligibility for the school meal programs. We cannot share your information without your written permission.
- Students who receive free and reduced price meals are not identified. No other students, staff, or teachers know who is receiving free or reduced meals and who has paid.

**If your student qualifies for free or reduced price lunches, he or she can benefit from the following:**

- ★ Free/reduced price breakfasts at school
- ★ Discounted pricing for AP, PSAT, and SAT exams (see school counselor)
- ★ Student qualification for ETS Program, Upward Bound and college/university EOP Services
- ★ Monthly discount on Lifeline landline or wireless phone service (<http://www.lifelinesupport.org/ls/>)
- ★ Monthly discount on PG&E energy bills ([www.pge.com/care](http://www.pge.com/care) or 1-866-743-2273)
- ★ \$9.95/month Comcast or AT&T internet service (<https://internetessentials.com/> or <https://www.att.com/shop/internet/access/#/>)

**Questions? Call PUSD Food Services at 530-872-6496.**

**Confidential online NSLP (Free & Reduced Meal) applications are available at <http://bit.ly/NSLPapplication> .**

**Please retain a copy of your eligibility letter to help qualify for these programs.**