

Applications Due October 7th!

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EVERY
qualifying
student!

The Allegany County Public School System receives \$5,584 for every student that qualifies for a free or reduced lunch. This money can be used for any cost that the school system incurs, including:

- Hiring Teachers
- Buying Textbooks, Computers, Furniture, Equipment
- After School Programs
- Outdoor School
- Art and Music Supplies

The number of students qualifying for free or reduced lunches can be a factor in federal funding and grants that can be awarded to the school system. In order for ACPS to receive the funding for free and reduced lunch students, a **Meal Benefit Application must be completed and returned on later than October 7, 2022.** School system personnel process the applications according to federal guidelines.

NOT filling out the application could have negative consequences for the school system!

If you are eligible, or even **THINK** you may be eligible for your student to receive free or reduced price lunches, it is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** for you to complete the application, even if your student does not intend to participate in the school lunch program.

Did You Know?

- ✓ 50% of ACPS students meet guidelines - the State average is 38%
- ✓ This is 7th in the State among 24 jurisdictions

NOTE:

If at **ANY TIME** during the school year you become eligible for the free and reduced lunch program, **PLEASE** complete the application, which are available online at www.acpsmd.org under the Food Services Department section. For more information, call 301-876-9202.