

Online Free & Reduced Meal Applications

Decatur City Schools Child Nutrition Program is proud to announce that the online free and reduced application has been a big success! The process is quick, easy and FREE and can be done in a few short steps, just follow the prompts to complete one application for the entire household. Since the information you are providing is electronic, a determination will be made faster than ever before and “lost” or “misplaced” applications will be a thing of the past. Your information is protected using encryption technology so you can rest assured that your personal information is safe.

When you are ready to apply, go to <https://onlinemealapp.dcs.edu/>. Select English or Spanish and follow the instructions on the screens. When you have completed your application, you will be prompted to enter your electronic signature. Click Submit and you are finished. You will be notified of the determination in approximately 10 days.

If you do not have access to the internet, a computer is available for the online process at the Child Nutrition Office, 910 Wilson Street NE, Decatur, AL 35601.

Temporary Status

If you received free or reduced meals last year, you will need to complete and return an application for the 2019-2020 year by **August 30, 2019**. On that date, unless a current school year application has been submitted, eligibilities will be changed to paying status.

Direct Certification

Decatur City Schools receives a database of SNAP recipients that is compared to our enrollment database. If a student is in a household receiving SNAP benefits the student and household will be determined to be direct certified and will not have to complete an application. If you receive a letter stating that your child(ren) is direct certified and there are other children in the household, please notify the Child Nutrition District Office at 256-560-6801, or by email at Julia.Senn@dcs.edu. If a direct certification letter is received in the incorrect language, please notify the Child Nutrition office so that a change can be made to future correspondence.

Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, [1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250](#)-9410 or call toll free [\(866\) 632-9992](#) (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at [\(800\) 877-8339](#); or [\(800\) 845-6136](#) (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.