

## Lake Wales Charter Schools, Inc.

Announces its policy for Free and Reduced-Price Meals for students at **Bok Academy, Bok North, and Lake Wales High School** for the 2020-21 school year under the

### NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

Any interested person may review a copy of the policy by contacting

**Chris Reams / 1 Highlander Way, Lake Wales, FL 33853.**

**Phone: 863-215-8440.**

Household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility. An application can not be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information. Once approved, meal benefits are good for an entire year. You need to notify the organization of changes in income and household size.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for Free or Reduced-Price Meals, households must complete the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in 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. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Households that receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) are required to list on the application only the child's name, SNAP/TANF case number, and signature of adult household member.

Foster children will receive free benefits regardless of the child's personal income or the income of the household.

Households with children who are considered migrants, homeless, or runaway should contact the district liaison **Angela Heyward** at **863-679-6560**.

For the purpose of determining household size, deployed service members are considered a part of the household. Families should include the names of the deployed service members on their application. Report only that portion of the deployed service member's income made available to them or on their behalf to the family. Additionally, a housing allowance that is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative is not to be included as income.

All other households must provide the following information listed on the application:

- Total household income listed by gross amount received, type of income (e.g., wages, child support, etc.) and how often the income is received by each household member;
- Names of all household members – check the “no income” box if applicable; if household member is a child, list school name for each;
- Signature of an adult household member certifying the information provided is correct; and
- Social security number of the adult signing the application or the word “NONE” for this household member if he or she does not have a social security number.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the school should be contacted. Children of parents or guardians who become unemployed should also contact the school.

Under the provisions of the Free and Reduced-Price meal policy, Chris Reams, Director of Food Service, will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he or she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he or she may make a request either orally or in writing to

Donna Dunson / 1 Highlander Way, Lake Wales, FL 33853.  
Phone: 863-678-4222

Unless indicated otherwise on the application, the information on the Free and Reduced-Price Meal application may be used by the school system in determining eligibility for other educational programs.

### **FLORIDA INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS**

Effective from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021

<b>FREE MEAL SCALE</b>					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$16,588	\$1,383	\$692	\$638	\$319
2	22,412	1,868	934	862	431
3	28,236	2,353	1,177	1,086	543
4	34,060	2,839	1,420	1,310	655
5	39,884	3,324	1,662	1,534	767
6	45,708	3,809	1,905	1,758	879
7	51,532	4,295	2,148	1,982	991
8	57,356	4,780	2,390	2,206	1,103
For each additional family member, add	+ 5,824	+ 486	+ 243	+ 224	+ 112

<b>REDUCED-PRICE MEAL SCALE</b>					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$984	\$908	\$454
2	31,894	2,658	1,329	1,227	614
3	40,182	3,349	1,675	1,546	773
4	48,470	4,040	2,020	1,865	933
5	56,758	4,730	2,365	2,183	1,092
6	65,046	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
7	73,334	6,112	3,056	2,821	1,411
8	81,622	6,802	3,401	3,140	1,570
For each additional family member, add	+8,288	+691	+346	+319	+160

**To determine annual income:**

- If you receive the income every week, multiply the total gross income by 52.
- If you receive the income every two weeks, multiply the total gross income by 26.
- If you receive the income twice a month, multiply the total gross income by 24.
- If you receive the income monthly, multiply the total gross income by 12.

**Remember:** The total income before taxes, social security, health benefits, union dues, or other deductions must be reported.

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Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil  
Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410  
Fax: (202) 690-7442  
E-mail: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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# **Lake Wales Charter Schools, Inc.**

## **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Lake Wales Charter Schools today announced an amendment to its policy for serving meals to students under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2020-2021 school year. All students will be served lunch and breakfast at no charge at the following sites:

Babson Park Elementary  
Hillcrest Elementary  
Janie Howard Wilson Elementary  
Polk Avenue Elementary  
Victory Ridge Academy

For additional information please contact: Lake Wales Charter Schools, Attention: Chris Reams, Director of Food Service, 1 Highlander Way, Lake Wales, Fl. 33853. Phone: 863-215-8440, e-mail: [chris.reams@lwcharterschools.com](mailto:chris.reams@lwcharterschools.com).

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