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MARTHA'S VINEYARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (MVPS)

RELEASE STATEMENT

MVPS announces its policy for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Each school office and the central office have a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility. Children from families whose annual income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free and reduced price meals.

FAMILY SIZE INCOME SCALE
For Determining for Free and Reduced Price Meals

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	YEAR	MONTH	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	WEEK	YEAR	MONTH	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	WEEK
1	\$15,301	\$1,276	\$638	\$589	\$295	\$21,775	\$1,815	\$908	\$838	\$419
2	20,709	1,726	863	797	399	29,471	2,456	1,228	1,134	567
3	26,117	2,177	1,089	1,005	503	37,167	3,098	1,549	1,430	715
4	31,525	2,628	1,314	1,213	607	44,863	3,739	1,870	1,726	863
5	36,933	3,078	1,539	1,421	711	52,559	4,380	2,190	2,022	1,011
6	42,341	3,529	1,765	1,629	815	60,255	5,022	2,511	2,318	1,159
7	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
Each additional family member add	+5,408	+451	+226	+208	+104	+7,696	+642	+321	+296	+148

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a notice to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school (unless notified at the start of the school year that children are eligible through direct certification). Additional copies are available at the 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 by agency or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

To obtain free or reduced price for children in a household where one or more household members receive SNAP or TANF, list the names of all school children, sign the application, and return it to the school office.

For the school officials to determine eligibility for free or reduced price meals or free milk of households not receiving SNAP or TANF benefits, the household must provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members and the adult signing the application form must also list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number or check "none" if they do not have a Social Security Number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, welfare, child support, etc.).

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price meal policy, each school's designated official will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to the school's principal.

If a hearing is needed to appeal the decision, the policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.