

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS
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(Delete reference to the School Breakfast Program and/or the After School Snack Program if not applicable)

St. Mary's Catholic School today announced its policy for providing free and reduced price meals for children served under the **National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and the After School Snack Program**. The School Food Authority has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced price meals to eligible children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Households may submit an application at any time during the school year.

To receive free benefits, households receiving SNAP assistance, Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits must list the names of children, list a SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number, and the signature of an adult household member. Households who do not list a case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the household member does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available. An adult household member must sign the application. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court also may be eligible for benefits.

Direct Certification: If a child is currently certified to receive SNAP, or TANF benefits, Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) will notify household of the children's eligibility to receive free benefits. Households who receive a letter from OKDHS notifying them of their eligibility can submit the letter to the school in lieu of completing an application for free and reduced price meals. If a SNAP, TANF, and FDPIR household are not notified of their eligibility, they will need to submit an application. Households may choose to decline benefits.

According to the free and reduced price policy, the Principal of St. Mary's, Mr. Paolo J. Dulcamara designated eligibility official will review applications and determine eligibility.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the eligibility official may formally appeal the decision orally or in writing to:

<u>Fr. Joseph Ross</u>	<u>580-355-2054</u>	<u>P.O. Box 2546 Lawton, OK 73502</u>
Designated Hearing Official.	Telephone	Address

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