

# Free and Reduced Meal Program Application Information and Instructions

Naperville 203 offers free and reduced-price school meals and milk to students from households that meet the 2026 federal income eligibility guidelines to qualify under the USDA School Nutrition Programs. All meals provided meet the USDA requirements. Detailed information regarding which items are included in a Free or Reduced lunch will be included with acceptance letters.

Students currently receiving food stamps (SNAP) or “Temporary Assistance for Needy Families” (TANF) or are pre-certified by the state or are certified based on the income reported on the Illinois All-Kids or Medicaid application do not need to fill out an application if the family receives a pre-certification letter from Naperville 203. Pre-certification letters will be provided before the start of the school year.

Beginning **July 1, 2025**, you may either

## Apply Online

Visit <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>

- Select state (IL) and district (Naperville CUSD 203)
- Follow the step-by-step screens to enter student and household information
- Click “Apply” to submit your application

Or

## Complete a paper application

Applications are available

- On the following NCUSD 203 website ([www.naperville203.org](http://www.naperville203.org)) path: Department & Services Menu dropdown; Nutrition Services; then Free and Reduced Meal Program link (or using this direct link: <https://www.naperville203.org/Page/2319> )
- At all schools and the District Administrative Building
- By emailing [mswope@naperville203.org](mailto:mswope@naperville203.org) to request an application be mailed to your home

You may return the application to your school or send via email, fax or mail to Michelle Swope:

Email: [mswope@naperville203.org](mailto:mswope@naperville203.org)

NCUSD 203 Business Office  
203 W. Hillside Rd.  
Naperville, IL 60540

Fax: 630-420-4053

***Please DO NOT contact the district regarding eligibility status updates. Starting July 1, 2025 and (1-10 days) after you apply PLEASE check your email daily for your eligibility status letter. In addition, it is your responsibility to save your eligibility status letter for future use.***

# Important Things to Know about your School Nutrition Programs

## National School Lunch & School Breakfast Programs

- Student meal accounts are automatically linked to their student ID#
- Meal accounts do not require parental setup nor permission
- Every food item served in the cafeteria has a cost
- The Illinois Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act requires every school in the State to provide a federally reimbursable meal to any student requesting a meal, regardless of whether the student has the ability to pay for the meal or owes money for earlier meals. The school district is not responsible when students eat meals without parental permission. When this occurs, payment for those meals is required. Parents are encouraged to establish and routinely check their MySchoolBucks account(s) and establish an understanding with their student to prevent eating school meals without parent permission and/or when meals are provided from home
- Additionally, Naperville 203 provides parent notifications monthly for any student that has a negative meal balance

## Enroll in MySchoolBucks.com - enrollment is easy!

### For Parents

Create a free account and easily make payments online and on-the-go.  
[Sign up today >](#)



Check cafeteria balances & purchases



Receive low balance alerts



Set up automatic payments



Pay for school-related items

- Go to [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com) or download the mobile app and register for a free account
- Add your student(s) using their school's name and student ID
- Make payment to your students' accounts with your credit/debit card or electronic check. *A transaction fee may apply when funding is less than \$100 per student/transaction. You will have the opportunity to review any fees and cancel if you choose before incurring charges*
- You can fund up to \$150 per transaction
- Deposits can also be received at the district office: attention Business Office