

New Canaan Public Schools Food and Nutrition Program

The following income guidelines will be used by the New Canaan Public Schools Nutrition Program from **July 1, 2016** to **June 30, 2017**, for determining eligibility of participants for free and reduced price meals in the Child Nutrition Programs. These guidelines are taken from the United States Department of Agriculture's annual adjustments to the Income Guidelines.

FREE MEALS

REDUCED PRICE MEALS

Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Twice per Month Income	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income	Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Twice per Month Income	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income
1	15,444	1,287	644	594	297	1	21,978	1,832	916	846	423
2	20,826	1,736	868	801	401	2	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570
3	26,208	2,184	1,092	1,008	504	3	37,269	3,108	1,554	1,435	718
4	31,590	2,633	1,317	1,215	608	4	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865
5	36,972	3,081	1,541	1,422	711	5	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1012
6	42,354	3,530	1,765	1,629	815	6	60,273	5,022	2,512	2,319	1160
7	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919	7	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1307
8	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1023	8	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1455
Each Add'l Family Member	+5,408	+451	+226	+208	+104	Each Add'l Family Member	+7,696	+642	+321	+296	+148

If a household has only one source of income, or if all sources of income are the same frequency, **do not** use conversion factors. Compare the income or sum of the incomes to the chart above for the appropriate frequency and household size to make the eligibility determination.

Many households have different sources of income coming into the home at different frequencies, such as weekly or bi-weekly wages and monthly social security benefits. In these situations, all sources of income must be converted to an annual amount using the following calculations:

Multiply by: Weekly x 52 Every two weeks x 26 Twice a month x 24 Monthly x 12

*Income means income before deductions such as income taxes, Social Security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions and bonds. It includes the following: 1) Monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions or fees; 2) net income from non-farm self-employment; 3) net income from farm self-employment; 4) Social Security; 5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; 6) net rental income; 7) public assistance or welfare payments; 8) unemployment compensation; 9) government civilian employee or military retirement, or pensions or veterans' payments; 10) private pension or annuities; 11) alimony or child support payments; 12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; 13) net royalties; and 14) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts and other resources.

"Income" as used here does not include any income or benefits received under any Federal programs, which are excluded from consideration as income by any legislative prohibition, for example, the value of food stamps.

In applying guidelines, a School Food Authority/institution **must** compare the household's size and total household income to the income guidelines to determine eligibility for free or reduced price meals. Children of parents or guardians who become unemployed may be eligible for free or reduced price meals or for free milk during the period of unemployment.