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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our yearly Public Release for Free and Reduced Priced Meals and Milk for the 2017-2018 school year for the Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District.

Sincerely,

Tamra Reinbold
Bay-Arenac ISD

Enclosure

Pc: Food and Nutrition Program
Michigan Department of Education

All Schools Listed



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Deborah Kadish, Superintendent of the Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District, today announced its policy, for free and reduced price meals and free milk, for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility.

Scale for Free Meals or Free Milk

Scale for Reduced Price Meals

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$15,678	\$1,307	\$ 654	\$ 603	\$ 302	\$22,311	\$1,860	\$ 930	\$ 859	\$ 430
2	\$21,112	\$1,760	\$ 880	\$ 812	\$ 406	\$30,044	\$2,504	\$1,252	\$1,156	\$ 578
3	\$26,546	\$2,213	\$1,107	\$ 1,021	\$ 511	\$37,777	\$3,149	\$1,575	\$1,453	\$ 727
4	\$31,980	\$2,665	\$1,333	\$1,230	\$ 615	\$45,510	\$3,793	\$1,897	\$1,751	\$ 876
5	\$37,414	\$3,118	\$1,559	\$1,439	\$ 720	\$53,243	\$4,437	\$2,219	\$2,048	\$ 1,024
6	\$42,848	\$3,571	\$1,786	\$1,648	\$ 824	\$60,976	\$5,082	\$2,541	\$2,346	\$1,173
7	\$48,282	\$4,024	\$2,012	\$1,857	\$ 929	\$68,709	\$5,726	\$2,863	\$2,643	\$1,322
8	\$53,716	\$4,477	\$2,239	\$2,066	\$1,033	\$76,442	\$6,371	\$3,186	\$2,941	\$1,471
*	\$ 5,434*	\$ 453*	\$ 227*	\$ 209*	\$ 105*	\$ 7,733*	\$ 645*	\$ 323*	\$ 298*	\$ 149*

* For each additional household member add:

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out the form and return it to the school. Additional copies of the application form are available at the principal's office in each school. Households should answer all questions on the form.

NON FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS: An application which does not contain all of the following information cannot be processed by the school: (1) the total income by source for each household member (such as wages, child support, etc.); (2) names of all household members; (3) social security number of the adult household member who signs the application; and (4) the signature of an adult household member.

FAP/FIP/FDPIR HOUSEHOLD: If you currently participate in The Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR) or classification as a foster child(ren), you will receive an Eligibility Notification Letter – Direct Certification, from the local school district indicating the students in your household who are approved for free school meals based on participation in the above programs. No further application is necessary; please do not complete a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application for these students.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility, verifying data, or qualifying children for other federal and state programs, as authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture. Applications may be verified by the school or other officials at any time during the school year.

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If children are approved for free or reduced price meal or free milk benefits, the household must report to the school increases in household income over \$50.00 per month (\$600.00 per year) and decreases in household size.

Households may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. If a household is not currently eligible but has a decrease in household income, and increase in household size or if a household member becomes unemployed, the household should fill out an application at that time.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. The household also has the right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing the superintendent of each school district. Each school and the school's administration office have a copy of the complete policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

REAPPLY:

You may apply for meal benefits at any time during the school year. If you lose your job, if your income decreases, or if your family size increases, fill out an application at that time. If you begin FAP/FIP/FDPIR or foster child(ren), your children will be on a Directly Certified Eligibility List and you do not need to fill out an application. Direct Certification Report is refreshed at the beginning of every month.

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You will be informed of application approval or denial.

ARENAC COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Arenac Eastern Schools
AuGres Sims Schools
Standish-Sterling Schools

TO: All Schools Listed

FROM: Tamra Reinbold
Bay-Arenac ISD

DATE: August 8, 2017

SUBJECT: Public Release School Lunch, Breakfast & Milk Programs

The enclosed letter and Public Release to the Bay City Times and the Arenac County Independent fulfills your public release requirements for the 2017-2018 National School Lunch, Breakfast and Special Milk Programs.

If you have any questions, please call 667-3253.