



SCHOOL SPIRIT

July 2020

Hi everyone,

We really have a lot going on in our school district right now. More than in any normal summer. We have been working on our Return to Learn Plan so we are ready to return to school on August 24. We will be ready to bring our recommendation to the school board on July 27. This process has been very difficult as the variables seem to keep changing as we have progressed through options. I know that some surrounding districts have released all or part of their plans to the community, however the climate in Jones County continues to change on a weekly basis. In reality, our plan will continue to evolve as we get closer to the start of the year. I have been receiving all sorts of emails, phone calls, and visits from very passionate people about returning to school. We sent out a survey to our staff and parents and we received over 500 responses. I will be sharing these surveys with our school board to help them better understand staff and parent opinions and concerns.



It is very important to understand that our community is really divided on this issue and most importantly it is not a win/lose moment in time. I am asking for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time in our school's history. I am asking for you to understand that this decision will not be popular with 50% of the community. I am asking you to remember that our five board members and myself are open minded and realistic people who each want what is best for our staff, students, and parents.

On a different note, the new middle school was turned over to the school district on July 17...right on schedule. We will be taking our staff through the week of July 20 but we are waiting to open it up to our community until early August, when all of the furniture has been installed. I know you will be impressed with what you see when we open the doors.

Finally, I want to wish our seniors the best of luck as they enter the next phase of their lives. As I write this newsletter, this Sunday will be our Graduation Part 2 as we celebrate our graduates one more time. I am excited for these graduates to give closure to their high school days and move on to new and exciting adventures. A special thank you to Mrs. Joan Young for her extra efforts to make this a special day for the senior class.

As always if you have any questions please feel free to send me an email or give me a call at any time. Thank you for your continued support of the Monticello Community School District.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Jaeger, Superintendent
brian.jaeger@monticello.k12.ia.us

UPCOMING EVENTS

2020-2021 School Registration

Registration for the Monticello Community School District for the 2020-21 school year will be done online starting August 3. We will NOT be hosting an in-person registration day this year due to COVID-19. Families will need to register students online. Fee payments may be mailed to the district if you do not wish to utilize the online payment option. If you cannot complete registration online, please call Morgan Murray-Zimmerman, District Help Desk at 319-465-3000, ext. 2030. Contact the District Office or any school office with questions. All school offices are back open on August 3.

E-Registration will be available starting August 3. Registration needs to be done by August 10 so we can prepare for the school year. Schedules will be available in PowerSchool. Padlocks, iPads, and Chromebooks will be handed out on the first day of school.

Like previous years, you will be able to pay for fees (including lunches) online with a credit card, debit card, or echeck AND the **convenience fee of 3.61% will be waived from August 3-7!**

NEW FAMILIES: If you are new to the District, and haven't been pre-enrolled, please call Judy Hayen at the District Office at 319-465-3000, ext. 5200.

More info will be sent out by the end of July. Also, please check our website and Facebook page regularly for updates.

2020-21 School Fees & Lunch Prices:

School fees:

Elementary - \$50
MS - \$65 (optional padlock \$5)
HS - \$80

Lunch prices:

Elementary - \$2.40
MS & HS - \$2.50
Milk—\$.40
Student breakfast price is \$1.70,

A full listing of fees is on our website at: <https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/family->



2020-21 School Year begins

Monday, August 24, 2020

The 2020-21 School Calendar can be found on our website.

More information on our Return to Learn Plan and what will happen when kids start school on August 24 will be available by August 1.

The District Office is temporarily located in Room 301 at the High School and open by appointment only

School supply lists are available in the District Office or on our website.

Open House @ All Schools has been cancelled this year. Students can view schedules in PowerSchool. Technology devices will be handed out the first day of class.



PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS!

It is vital that the school district has current and updated information on all students. Especially this year! Please remember to log in to your PowerSchool account and make sure everything is current, including your cell phone #'s, home phone #'s, email, address, emergency contacts, etc. This is very important, especially this year, and for emergency situations.



School Permit Meeting

**Wednesday, July 29
8:00 AM
High School Library**



This meeting is for students AND parents of those who wish to obtain school driving permits. Student and at least one parent must attend. Students must bring their driver's permit to the meeting.

MS & HS SCHEDULES for 2020-21!

Your class schedules will not be correct in PowerSchool until after August 7, 2020. The district must close out the 2019-20 school year which will be done in July. This "roll-over" process will allow you to advance to your next grade level in PowerSchool. Schedule changes can be done the first day of class. Thank you for your cooperation. Enjoy your summer!



IMPORTANT!

⇒ Before School starts in August all Kindergarten, 7th, and 12th grade students must have their required immunizations per state law.

- ⇒ All Kindergarten and 9th grade students must have a current Dental screening certificate on file.
- ⇒ All Kindergarten students must be up to date on their preschool shots and have received their 4-year-old boosters of Dtap, Polio, MMR, and Varicella.
- ⇒ All 7th grade and above students must show proof of having received a Tdap (Tetanus/Acellular Pertussis) vaccination booster AND a Meningococcal vaccination on or after 10 years of age.
- ⇒ All students in grades 7-12 interested in participating in sports must have a current physical and concussion form on file before they can participate in fall sports.
- ⇒ All 12th grade students must show proof of receiving 2 DOSES of Meningococcal vaccine; or 1 dose if first dose was received at 16 years of age or older.

There are no extensions at this time, offices are still scheduling well visits so plan accordingly. Get them scheduled early!

Be the First to Know!

Are you signed up for texts & emails from your child's school?

TEXTS: Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts, and more. You can participate in this free service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587. SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

EMAILS: You automatically receive emails from School Messenger once your student is enrolled in our district. The email(s) you provide in PowerSchool are the emails that these messages are sent to.

If you have any questions or problems with School Messenger or are not receiving our messages, please contact Morgan Murray-Zimmerman, District Help Desk Personnel at 319.465.3000, ext. 2030.



THANK YOU TO:

- **Amy Wright, Mickey Lambert, & Karen Thomsen** for their donation of masks.
- **Kirsten & Keith Lubrecht** for their donation of art supplies to Mrs. Isaac's classroom.

Reminder for Parents of Next Year's Kindergartners!

Remember to start gathering your child's physical, immunization record, lead screening, dental screening information, home language survey, race/ethnicity form, migrant worker form, birth certificate, and place of residence so you can turn them in in August! Thanks!

Summer Office Hours

The High School Office hours for July are Monday-Thursday from 8:00– Noon by appointment only. Closed on Fridays.

The Shannon, Carpenter, and Middle School Offices are closed in July and will open again on August 3.

The District Office is open daily in the summer Monday-Friday from 8:00-4:00 by appointment only. Currently located at the High School in Room 301.

HELP WANTED

WE are in need of SUBS!

We are looking for the following substitute positions for the upcoming school year.

Substitute Special Education Associates

- \$9.50 per hour
- On call, as needed basis
- Provide one-on-one or small group assistance to special needs students
- Previous healthcare or working with children preferred

Substitute Bus Driver

- Must have a CDL license with the passenger & school bus endorsements
- \$18.70 per hour
- On call, as needed basis

Substitute Custodians

- \$10.85 per hour
- On call, as needed basis

Substitute Food Service

- \$10.00 per hour
- On call, as needed basis

Substitute Registered Nurse

- \$124 per day (based on 8 hour day)
- On call, as needed basis

Applicants must have a high school diploma and pass a background check. To apply please stop by the District Office @ 850 East Oak St, Monticello, IA or apply online at <https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/district-2/human-resources/employment/>

For questions or more information, please contact Brooke Scott at 319-465-3000, ext. 5402 or brooke.scott@monticello.k12.ia.us. EEO.

Free and Reduced Lunch Application

The application for free and reduced price school lunch for the 2020-21 school year is included in this issue of the School Spirit. Please complete carefully. Families wishing to apply should complete the enclosed application **in its entirety** and **return it to Pat Kelly, 850 East Oak Street or mail to Food Service, Monticello Schools, 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, IA 52310 by August 1!** This will allow us to process applications prior to school registration, starting August 3. Applications are also available on our website to complete electronically. **The State recommends you apply whether you think you qualify or not.** Any questions, please contact Pat Kelly at pat.kelly@monticello.k12.ia.us.



FUEL UP™
FOR SUMMER FUN
Eat Smart. Play Hard.™

Join us for a FREE lunch!

- Open to all children and teens 1–18
- No registration or identification is required

The Grab-n-Go meals will continue through the summer!

On Mondays, two meals will be provided for Monday & Tuesday. On Wednesdays you can pick up three meals for Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday.

- Same times and locations as we have been distributing meals:

Pick up from 11:00 to 11:30am at the Middle School parking lot or the Carpenter parking lot on Mondays & Wednesdays.

For questions, contact:
Pat Kelly, Food Service Director, 319-465-3000 or
pat.kelly@monticello.k12.ia.us

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Reminder from the Food Service Department!

If you have a negative balance in your lunch account, please try to pay your balance asap. We are trying to close out the 2019-20 school year and would like to have these taken care of.



Please check your family's lunch account and make sure you have a positive balance and sign up to receive emails when your balance is low!

In order to check balances, you need to log in with the appropriate family ID and password. The School Dining link is found on our website under 'Food Service'.

If you have any questions, please call Pat Kelly, Food Service Director at 319-465-3000, ext. 1374. Thank you!

Private Instruction– (Annual Notice)

Private Instruction is instruction using a plan and a course of study in a setting other than a public or organized accredited nonpublic school. It includes competent private instruction (CPI) by a licensed practitioner or a non-licensed person, independent private instruction (IPI), home school assistance programs (HSAP), and non-accredited nonpublic schools. Forms are available in the Superintendent's Office if needed.

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INFORMATION LETTER

Frequently Asked Questions About Free and Reduced-Price School Meals

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Monticello Community School District** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast cost **\$1.70**; lunch costs **(K-4) \$2.40 per meal; MS & HS lunch costs \$2.50 per meal**. Your children may qualify for free meals/milk or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is **\$.30** for breakfast and **\$.40** for lunch. Return or mail the completed application to: **Pat Kelly, Monticello High School, 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, IA 52310 by August 1, 2020.**

Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from Food Assistance, the Family Investment Program (FIP) or a few specific Medicaid programs are eligible for free or reduced price meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines below. (Requires submitting an Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals/Milk.)

FEDERAL INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES for School Year 2020-2021

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	23,606	1,968	984	908	454
2	31,894	2,658	1,329	1,227	614
3	40,182	3,349	1,675	1,546	773
4	48,470	4,040	2,020	1,865	933
5	56,758	4,730	2,365	2,183	1,092
6	65,046	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
7	73,334	6,112	3,056	2,821	1,411
8	81,622	6,802	3,401	3,140	1,570
Each additional person:	8,288	691	346	319	160

2. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS? No, but please read the letter carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your notification, contact: **Pat Kelly, Monticello High School, 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, IA, 52310, 319-465-3000, ext. 1374 or pat.kelly@monticello.k12.ia.us** immediately as eligibility for free or reduced-price meals is extended to all school age children in a household. If you did not receive a letter from the school, but received a Free Lunch Notice from DHS, submit this letter to your children's school. You may add any students living in your household who are not listed on the letter. Also, if someone in your household receives food assistance and you did not receive either of these letters, you may complete an application listing the case number as this will qualify all school age children in your household for free meals. If you were informed that your children will get reduced price meals automatically, see the income guidelines above and if you feel you would qualify for free meal benefits, complete an application for free and reduced price meals.
3. WHAT IF WE HAVE FOSTER CHILDREN? Households with foster and non-foster children may choose to include the foster child as a household member, as this may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If the foster family is not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, that does not prevent a foster child from receiving free meal benefits.
4. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please contact: **Superintendent Brian Jaeger, Monticello Community School District, 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, IA, 52310, 319-465-3000 or brian.jaeger@monticello.k12.ia.us.**
5. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application unless complete eligibility information is submitted, so be sure to complete all required information.
6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through **October 15, 2020**. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. When the carry-

over period ends, unless you are notified that your children will receive free meals or you submit an application that is approved, the children must pay full price for school meals. The school is not required to send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility.

7. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.
8. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.
9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report. You are not required to provide proof with your application.
10. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free or reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit, if your household size goes up, or if you start getting Food Assistance, FIP or other benefits.
11. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Superintendent Brian Jaeger, Monticello Community School District, 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, IA, 52310 or brian.jaeger@monticello.k12.ia.us.**
12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
13. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
14. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or receive Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments, it must also be included as income. However if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. There are currently no active Military Housing Projects in Iowa as found on [Active Military Housing Projects](#). Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
15. DO I NEED TO PROVIDE MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER? Only the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the household's primary wage earner or another adult household member (or an indication of "none") is needed.
16. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a Supplemental Worksheet, and attach it to your application. Contact **Pat Kelly, Monticello High School, 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, IA, 52310, 319-465-3000, ext. 1374 or pat.kelly@monticello.k12.ia.us** to receive a Supplemental Worksheet.
17. WHO CAN GET FREE MILK? If your school participates in the Special Milk Program for half day kindergarteners, your kindergarten child may be eligible for free milk. Children who buy extra milk with a meal or if they eat breakfast or lunch and have an afternoon milk break, they are not eligible to receive free milk.
18. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for Food Assistance or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-877-347-5678**. Your children may be eligible for **hawk-i** (children's health insurance) or a waiver of school fees. Read the information on the back of the Application for **hawk-i** information. A school waiver form is available from your school.
19. CAN CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES GET FOOD SUBSTITUTIONS? If a child has a disability, as determined by a licensed medical professional, and the disability prevents the child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make substitutions prescribed by the licensed medical professional. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. Please note, however, that the school is not required to make a substitution for a food allergy, unless it meets the definition of disability. Please call the school for further information.

If you have other questions or need help, call **Pat Kelly, 319-465-3000, ext. 1374.**

Sincerely,

Pat Kelly, Food Service Director

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS/MILK

Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free or reduced price school meals/milk. You only need to submit **one** application per household, even if your children attend more than one school in **Monticello Community School District**. Please follow these instructions in order. Each step of the instructions is the same as the steps on your application. The application must be filled out completely to certify your children for free or reduced price school meals. **Completed applications should be mailed or returned to Pat Kelly, Monticello High School, 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, IA, 52310.** If at any time you are not sure what to do next, please contact **Pat Kelly at pat.kelly@monticello.k12.ia.us or 319-465-3000, ext. 1374.**

PLEASE USE A PEN (NOT A PENCIL) WHEN FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION AND DO YOUR BEST TO PRINT CLEARLY.

STEP 1: LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHO ARE INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND STUDENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING GRADE 12.

Tell us how many infants, children, and school students live in your household. They do NOT have to be related to you to be a part of your household.

Who should I list here?

When filling out this section, please include **all** members in your household who are:

- Children age 18 or under **and** are supported with the household's income;
- In your care under a foster arrangement, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth;
- Students attending **Monticello Community School District**, regardless of age.

- A) List each child's name and date of birth.** Print each child's first name, middle initial, last name and date of birth (optional). Use one line of the application for each child. If there are more children present than lines on the application, attach a Supplemental Worksheet, which can be obtained from the school, with all required information for the additional children.
- B) Is the child a student?** Mark 'Yes' or 'No' under the column titled "student" to tell us which children attend **Monticello Community School District**. If you marked 'Yes' write where the child attends school and write the grade level of the student in the "Grade" column to the right.
- C) Do you have any foster children?** If any children listed are foster children, mark the "Foster Child" box next to the child's name. If you are ONLY applying for foster children, after finishing STEP 1, go to "STEP 4". Foster children who live with you may count as members of your household and should be listed on your application. If you are applying for both foster and non-foster children, go to step 3.
- D) Are any children homeless, migrant, or runaway?** If you believe any child listed in this section may meet this description, mark the "Homeless, Migrant, Runaway" box next to the child's name and **complete all steps of the application.**

STEP 2: DO ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN FOOD ASSISTANCE, FIP, OR FDPIR?

If anyone in your household (including you) currently participates in one or more of the assistance programs listed below, your children are eligible for free school meals:

- The Food Assistance Program (FA)
- The Family Investment Program (FIP)
- The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

A) IF NO ONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATES IN ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED PROGRAMS:

- **Circle 'NO' and go to STEP 3. (Leave the rest of STEP 2 blank)**

B) IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATES IN ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED PROGRAMS:

- **Circle 'YES' and provide a case number for FA, FIP, or FDPIR.** You only need to write **one** case number. If you participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, it is located on your Notice of Decision. **You must provide a case number on your application if you circled "YES".**
- **Go to STEP 4.**

STEP 3: REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Report all amounts in GROSS INCOME ONLY. Report all income in whole dollars. Do not include cents.

- Gross income is the total income received before taxes.
- Many people think of income as the amount they “take home” and not the total, “gross” amount. Make sure that the income you report on this application has NOT been reduced to pay for taxes, insurance premiums, or any other amounts taken from your pay.
- Write a “0” in any fields where there is no income to report. Any income fields left empty or blank will also be counted as a zero. If you write ‘0’ or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials have known or available information that your household income was reported incorrectly, your application will be investigated.
- Mark how often each type of income is received using the check boxes to the right of each field.

A) Report all income earned or received by children. Refer to the table below titled “Sources of Income for Children” and report the combined gross income for ALL children listed in Step 1 in your household in the box marked “Total Child Income.” Only count foster children’s income if you are applying for them with the rest of your household (income from a part-time job or from any funds provided to the child for the child’s personal use). It is optional for the household to list foster children living with them as part of the household on an application for non-foster children.

Table 1. Sources of Income for Children

What is Child Income?	
Child income is money received from outside your household that is paid directly to your children. Many households do not have any child income. Use the chart below to determine if your household has child income to report.	
Sources of Child Income	Example(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earnings from work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages. (Infrequent earnings, such as income from occasional babysitting or lawn mowing, are not counted as income.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Security<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Disability Payments◦ Survivor’s Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits.• A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives social security benefits.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Income from person <i>outside</i> the household	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A friend or extended family member <i>regularly</i> gives a child spending money.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Income from any other source	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust.

FOR EACH ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER:

B) List Adult Household member’s name. Print the name of each household member in the boxes marked “Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last).” **Do not list any household members you listed in STEP 1.**

Who should I list here?

When filling out this section, please include **all** adult members in your household who are:

- Living with you and share income and expenses, even if not related and even if they do not receive income of their own.

Do not include:

- People who live with you but are not supported by your household’s income AND do not contribute income to your household.
- Children and students already listed in Step 1.

C) Report earnings from work. Refer to the chart below titled “Sources of Income for Adults” and report all income from work in the “Earnings from Work” field on the application. This is usually the money received from working at jobs. If you are self-employed business or farm owner, you will report your net income. If you need assistance with this, ask your children’s school for the Supplemental Worksheet which has self-

employment calculations.

What if I am self-employed? If you are self-employed, report income from work as a **net** amount. This is calculated by subtracting the total operating expenses of your business from its gross receipts and revenue. Ask your school for a Supplemental Worksheet to assist you in determining your monthly gross annual income before deductions.

- D) Report income from public assistance/child support/alimony.** Refer to the chart below titled “Sources of Income for Adults” and report all income that applies in the “Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony” field on the application. Do not report the value of any cash value public assistance benefits NOT listed on the chart. If income is received from child support or alimony, only report court-ordered payments. Informal but regular payments should be reported as “other” income in the next part.
- E) Report income from pensions/retirement/all other income.** Refer to Table 2 below titled “Sources of Income for Adults” and report all income that applies in the “Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income” field on the application.

Table 2. Sources of Income for Adults

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance/ Alimony/Child Support	Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Salary, wages, cash bonusesNet income from self-employment (farm or business) <p>If you are in the U.S. Military:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances)Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unemployment benefitsWorker’s compensationSupplemental Security Income (SSI)Cash assistance from State or local governmentAlimony paymentsChild support paymentsVeteran’s benefitsStrike benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)Private Pensions or disability benefitsRegular Income from trusts or estatesAnnuitiesInvestment IncomeEarned interestRental incomeRegular cash payments from outside household

- F) Report total household size.** Enter the total number of household members in the field “Total Household Members (Children and Adults).” This number **MUST** be equal to the number of household members listed in STEP 1 and STEP 3. If there are any members of your household that you have not listed on the application, go back and add them. It is very important to list all household members, as the size of your household affects your eligibility for free and reduced price meals.
- G) Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.** An adult household member must enter the last four digits of their Social Security Number in the space provided. **You are eligible to apply for benefits even if you do not have a Social Security Number.** If no adult household members have a Social security Number, leave this space blank and mark the box to the right labeled “Check if no SSN.”

STEP 4: CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE

All applications must be signed by an adult member of the household. By signing the application, that household member is promising that all information has been truthfully and completely reported. **Before completing this section, please also make sure you have read the privacy and civil rights statements on the back of the application.**

- A) Provide your contact information.** Write your current address in the fields provided if this information is available. **If you have no permanent address, this does not make your children ineligible for free or reduced price school meals.** Sharing a phone number, email address, or both is optional, but helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.
- B) Print and sign your name and write today’s date.** Print the name of the adult signing the application and that person signs in the box. “Signature of adult completing the form.”
- C) Mail or return completed form to:** Pat Kelly, Monticello High School, 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, IA, 52310. **Please do not mail completed form to the Department of Agriculture as this will delay processing.**
- D) Share children’s racial and ethnic identities (optional).** On the back of the application, we ask you to share information about your children’s race and ethnicity. This field is optional and does not affect your children’s eligibility for free or reduced price school meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one will be selected for you based on visual observation.
- E) Decline having your information released to *hawk-i*.** If you do not want your household information shared with *hawk-i*, print, sign and date in the box provided.
- F) Obtaining translated applications.** If you need a translated application with instructions, they can be found in 49 languages at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/translated-applications>.

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Return completed form to: Pat Kelly, 850 East Oak Street, Monticello, IA 52310 or pat.kelly@monticello.k12.ia.us

Complete one application per household. This application cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted.

STEP 1 List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, complete the page 3.)

Definition of Household Member: Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related. Children in Foster care and children who meet the definition of Homeless, Migrant or Runaway are eligible for free meals. Read How to Apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals for more information.	Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	Date of Birth mm/dd/yyyy	Student? Yes No	Child's School	Grade	Foster Child	Homeless, Migrant, Runaway

STEP 2 Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: Food Assistance, FIP, or FDIPIR?

Check one: ☐ Yes ☐ No If No, go to STEP 3. If you answered Yes, type a 10 digit case number here then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3).

Write only one case number in this space. Medicaid, Title XIX & EBT card numbers are not acceptable.

To Apply On-Line Go To:

Case Number:

STEP 3 Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2)

Are you unsure what income to include here?

Please read How to Apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals for more information.

The Sources of Income for Children section will help you with the Child Income question.

The Sources of Income for Adults section will help you with the All Adult Household Members section.

A. Child Income Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Please include the TOTAL gross income earned by all Household Members listed in STEP 1 here. Total Child Income

B. All Adult Household Members (Including yourself) List all Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income (before taxes) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. Applications with blank income fields will be processed as complete. If more spaces are required for additional names, attach the supplemental worksheet.

C. Earnings from Work

D. Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony

E. Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income

F. Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

G. Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member

Check if no SSN

STEP 4 Contact Information and Adult Signature

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws.

Street Address (if available) Apt. # City State Zip

Daytime Phone (optional) Email (optional)

Printed name of adult completing the form Signature of adult completing the form. Print completed form and sign Today's date

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE. FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY.

Annual income conversion: Weekly x 52; Bi-Weekly x 26; 2 Times per Month x 24; Monthly x 12

Household Income: \$

Application Approved: ☐ Income ☐ Foster Child ☐ FIP/Food Assistance ☐ Head Start (documentation required) ☐ Homeless/Migrant/Runaway-Local Official Documentation Required

Eligibility Determination: ☐ Free ☐ Reduced ☐ Free Milk ☐ Application Denied: ☐ Incomplete ☐ Over income limits

Determining Official Effective Date Confirming Official Date Follow-up Signature Date

Date Received by SFA:

OPTIONAL Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one will be selected for you based on visual observation.

Ethnicity (check one): ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (check one or more): ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White

Low-Cost Health Insurance for Children

If your children do not have health insurance, many families getting free or reduced price meals can also get free or low-cost health insurance for their children. The law requires public schools to share your free and reduced price meal eligibility information with Medicaid & *hawk-i*, the State's medical insurance program for children. Private schools, RCCIs and childcare organizations may choose to share this information. Specifically, we will give them your child's name, your name & address. Medicaid & *hawk-i* can only use the information to identify children who may be eligible for free or low-cost health insurance and contact you. They are not allowed to use the information from your free and reduced meal application for any other purpose or to share it with any other entity or program. You are not required to allow us to share this information, it will not affect your child's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. **If you do NOT want your information shared with Medicaid or *hawk-i*, you must tell us by completing the information below.** If you want further information, you may call *hawk-i* at 1-800-257-8563. Also, if you are already receiving Medicaid or *hawk-i*, please sign below. This will avoid another contact. My signature below indicates I DO NOT want school officials to share information from my free and reduced price meal application with Medicaid or *hawk-i*.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) _____ Signature (print completed from and sign) _____ Date _____

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Food Assistance (FA), Family Investment Program (FIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement: In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

***only use this address if you are filing a complaint of discrimination**

Iowa Non-Discrimination Statement: "It is the policy of this CNP provider not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, or religion in its programs, activities, or employment practices as required by the Iowa Code section 216.6, 216.7, and 216.9. If you have questions or grievances related to compliance with this policy by this CNP Provider, please contact the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Grimes State Office building, 400 E. 14th St. Des Moines, IA 50319-1004; phone number 515-281-4121, 800-457-4416; website: <https://icrc.iowa.gov/>."

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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WAIVER STATEMENT

If your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced-price meals, you may also be eligible for other benefits. If you sign this waiver, your child(ren) will be considered for a full or partial waiver of school fees. I understand that I will be releasing information that will show that I applied for free and reduced-price school meals for my child(ren). I give up my rights to confidentiality for waiver of school fees ONLY. I certify that I am the parent/guardian of the child(ren) for whom application is being made. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE THIS WAIVER TO GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS.

Waiver Information

Date _____

Signature of Parent/guardian _____

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Additional Children in Your Household (not listed on page 1)

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	Student? Yes No	Child's School	Grade	Foster Child	Homeless, Migrant, Runaway

Check all that apply

Any income earned by the above listed children should be included under Step 3 A on the first page of the application.

Additional Adults in Your Household (Not listed on page 1)

Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work				Public Assistance/ Child Support /Alimony	How often?				Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income	How often?						
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly			

Self-Employment Income Calculations

This guidance will assist you in calculating the amount to report if you engage in farming, are self-employed or have income from other sources. Self-employed persons may use income tax records for the preceding calendar year as a base to project the current year's net income, unless the current monthly income provides a more accurate measure. Report income derived from the business venture less operating costs incurred in the generation of that income. Deductions for personal expenses such as interest on home payments, medical expenses, and other similar non-business deductions are not allowed in reducing gross business income. Additional income from other kinds of employment must be treated as separate and apart from the income generated or lost from your business venture. For example, if you operated a business at a net loss, but held additional employment for which a salary was received, the income for purposes of applying for reduced price or free meals would be the income from the salary only. The loss from the business cannot be deducted from a positive income earned in other employment. For purposes of this application, it is not possible to report a negative income from any business venture. The least income possible is zero (no income). The necessary information for arriving at allowable income from private business operation may be taken from your most recent U.S. Individual Income Tax Return - Form 1040 or 1040-SR and Schedule 1. Enter the amount's reported on the following lines (for losses type a negative (-) in front of the dollar value:

- Capital Gain or (Loss) Form 1040 or 1040-SR, LINE 6
- Business Income or (Loss) Schedule 1 Part 1, LINE 3
- Other Gains or (Losses) Schedule 1 Part 1, LINE 4
- Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc. Schedule 1 Part 1, LINE 5
- Farm Income or (Loss) Schedule 1 Part 1, LINE 6
- Gross Annual Income Before Any Deductions.
- (Gross Annual Income + 12 = Computed Monthly Income.)

TOTAL \$ 0.00
Computed Monthly Income \$ 0.00

The computed monthly income should be reported in Step 3 on the Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals under All Other Income.