



MRA Parent Memo, September 28th, 2020

"Guiding students in becoming responsible lifelong learners and compassionate community members through interdisciplinary studies in the arts and sciences within a safe and nurturing environment."

2020-2021 MRA Essential Question:

"How do I impact my community and how does my community impact me?"

Week of September 28th

Monday, September 28th

- First day of school—if you didn't log in this last week, please try to log into your classroom over the weekend.
- 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Breakfast/Lunch pick up

Tuesday, September 29th

- 8:00 to 4:00 Breakfast/Lunch pick up

Wednesday, September 30th

Thursday, October 1st

Friday, October 2nd

- Morning meetings
- Independent study for the rest of the day

Information for this Week:

Attendance

Remember, you children must attend class daily. Check with your child's teacher about their attendance method. We will be following ODE guidelines, and plan to allow 24 hours for attendance to accommodate families who are doing school in the evenings.

Per ODE:

- ⇒ Grades K-6: Attendance must be taken at least once per day for all students enrolled in school, regardless of the instructional model (On-Site, Hybrid, Comprehensive Distance Learning).
- ⇒ Grades 7-8: Attendance must be taken at least once for each scheduled class that day for all students enrolled in school, regardless of the instructional model (On-Site, Hybrid, Comprehensive Distance Learning).

Free/Reduced Lunch Program

We now have the ability to qualify families for free/reduced lunches and breakfasts under the Oregon Expanded Income Group. If you think you might qualify, please complete the attached form. We have a few meals still available for the first weeks of October, and can order additional meals for the last two weeks.

Logging into Edgenuity (the online curriculum)

Your classroom teachers will be in touch with you about how to log your student into the online curriculum. This will be a part of the learning that will take place next week.

New Oregon Announcement

You may have noticed that Oregon has, as of September 25th, relaxed school COVID-19 standards and opened doors for more in person learning. At MRA we will stick with our plan of remaining with CDL (Comprehensive Distance Learning) through October. There is a possibility of some in person assessments in October, but no changes in the learning format until we re-evaluate in November.

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, attach another sheet of paper)

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	Grade	Student? Yes No	Foster Child	Homeless, Migrant, Runaway
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Check all that apply

STEP 2

Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, TANF, or FDIPIR?

☐ NO

> Go to STEP 3

☐ If YES >

Write a case number here then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

Case Number:

Write only one case number in this space.

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?

Flip the page and review the charts titled "Sources of Income" for more information.

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

The "Sources of Income for Adults" chart 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 income received by all Household Members listed in STEP 1 here.

Child income

\$

How often?

Weekly

Bi-Weekly

2x Month

Monthly

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.

Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work	How often?				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
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Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

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

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Check if no SSN ☐

STEP 4

Contact information and adult signature. MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL AT:

"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 and Email (optional)

Printed name of adult signing the form

Signature of adult

Today's date

Sources of Income

Sources of Income for Children	
Sources of Child Income	Example(s)
- Earnings from work	- A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages
- Social Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disability Payments - Survivor's Benefits 	- 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
-Income from person outside the household	- A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money
-Income from any other source	- A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust

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 bonuses - Net 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 benefits - Worker's compensation - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - Cash assistance from State or local government - Alimony payments - Child support payments - Veteran's benefits - Strike benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) - Private pensions or disability benefits - Regular income from trusts or estates - Annuities - Investment income - Earned interest - Rental income - Regular cash payments from outside household

OPTIONAL

Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities / Health Coverage

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.

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

I do not want my information shared with State children's health insurance programs. Sign here:

I have a child (or children) who does not have any kind of health coverage – neither private health insurance nor Oregon Health Plan/Healthy Kids. I am interested in free or reduced cost health coverage for at least one of my children. ☐ Yes ☐ No

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, 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 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program 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.

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, audiotope, 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, (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:

mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

fax: (202) 690-7442; or
email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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

Do not fill out

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Total Income

How often?

Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly
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Household Size

Categorical Eligibility ☐

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Eligibility:

Free	Reduced	Denied
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Oregon Expanded Income Group:

Determining Official's Signature

Date _____

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Confirming Official's Signature

Date _____

Verifying Official's Signature

Date _____

Oregon Child Nutrition Programs Federal & Oregon Expanded Income Guidelines

Effective SY 2020-21: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Federal Reduced Price Meals

Participants may qualify for reduced price meals if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Household Size	Annual	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
Each additional household member adds	8,288	691	346	319	160

Federal Free Meals

Participants may qualify for free meals if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
-1-	16,588	1,383	692	638	319
-2-	22,412	1,868	934	862	431
-3-	28,236	2,353	1,177	1,086	543
-4-	34,060	2,839	1,420	1,310	655
-5-	39,884	3,324	1,662	1,534	767
-6-	45,708	3,809	1,905	1,758	879
Each additional household member adds	5,824	486	243	224	112

OREGON'S EXPANDED INCOME GUIDELINES (Federal Paid/Denied)

*Available through SSA funding. CNPweb must document the selection to participate in EIG.

Oregon Expanded Income Guideline (EIG)

Oregon students may qualify for EIG meals at no charge* if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart and above the limits on the Federal Reduced Price Meal chart.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
-1-	38,280	3,190	1,595	1,472	736
-2-	51,720	4,310	2,155	1,989	995
-3-	65,160	5,430	2,715	2,506	1,253
-4-	78,600	6,550	3,275	3,023	1,512
-5-	92,040	7,670	3,835	3,540	1,770
-6-	105,480	8,790	4,395	4,057	2,028
Each additional household member adds	13,440	1,120	560	517	258



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Molalla River Academy** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast and lunch cost is \$32.00 for a five day week. You must order by the week. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.** There will be no charge for reduced price breakfast or lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. 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 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program **[SNAP]**, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations **[FDPIR]** or Temporary Assistance For Needy Families **[TANF]**, are eligible for free 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 within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year _____			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1			
2			
3			
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Each additional person:			

2. 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 call or e-mail **surben@mra-k8.com**.
3. 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 that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Shelley Urban, 16897 S. Callahan Rd, Molalla OR 97038** **surben@mra-k8.com**
4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact **Shelley Urban, 16897 S. Callahan Rd, Molalla OR 97038** **surben@mra-k8.com** immediately.

5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? Yes! You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit www.molallariveracademy.com to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact **Shelley Urben, 16897 S. Callahan Rd, Molalla OR 97038** surben@mra-k8.com if you have any questions about the online application.
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 September 15th. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
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. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
9. 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 and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
10. 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: **Shelley Urben, 16897 S. Callahan Rd, Molalla OR 97038** surben@mra-k8.com
11. 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.
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, 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. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
15. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact **Shelley Urben, 16897 S. Callahan Rd, Molalla OR 97038** surben@mra-k8.com to receive a second application.
16. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for **[State SNAP]** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **the State hotline number**.

If you have other questions or need help, call 503-829-6672

Sincerely,

Shelley Urben, MRA Executive Director