

Dear Foster Parents,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Tunica County School District! We look forward to a healthy and successful school year with your children. With the start of a new school year, we wanted to remind you about school meals for your family.

Foster Children Eat for Free

A child in foster care, who is formally placed by a court or foster agency, can receive free school meals for the entire school year. If the school knows about your foster child, the child should already receive free meals. If your foster child is not eating for free or you were not notified that he or she could receive free meals, you may apply for free school meals for your foster child at any time by contacting Mark Carpenter at capenterma@tunicak12.org

Meals for Other Children in Your House

Foster parents who apply for school meals may include both a foster child and their other children on the same application. Including a foster child on the same application as your other children will increase your house size, which may help your other children eat for free. If your other children are not eligible for free meals, your foster child will remain eligible for free school meals.

When a Foster Child Moves

If your family moves or your foster child moves to a new school, he or she will continue to receive free meals. If you reside in the same school district you are not required to take additional actions for your foster child to continue to receive free meals. If you move to another school district, your foster child can continue to receive free meals but you may need to reapply to continue or start school meal benefits. If your foster child stops receiving free meals when you move, please inform the school as soon as possible.

If you have questions about the school meal program, please contact Mark Carpenter at capenterma@tunicak12.org. We look forward to working together to ensure your children receive nutritious meals this school year.

Sincerely,

Mark Carpenter
Child Nutrition Director