

THIS FALL,
'BACK TO SCHOOL'
WILL ALSO MEAN
'BACK TO STUDENT MEAL RATES'
FOR NUTRITIOUS SCHOOL MEALS

Cuero High School Only

In the 2022-2023 school year, schools are required to return to charging for school meals on the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) based on program eligibility.

ALL INCOME ELIGIBLE FAMILIES SHOULD COMPLETE THESE STEPS:

*As soon as possible, NEW students to Cuero High School may complete the NSLP Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals. Returning students will have carry over FREE eligibility status until September 21st. Please make sure and complete meal application before September 21st, 2022.

*Lunch applications are available at Cuero High School or online www.cueroisd.org

*Watch for notification of eligibility in the mail or in an email sent out August 1, 2022

*Familiarize yourself with how your school accepts payment in the cafeteria for meals and a la carte items. Cuero ISD charge policy and payment information available online at www.cueroisd.org, Food Service Department.

*Ask questions! Contact your district with any questions, your school nutrition department is excited to serve you and your student(s).

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WHY AREN'T MEALS FREE TO ALL STUDENTS AT MY CAMPUS?

During the pandemic, schools were able to offer no cost meals to all students due to temporary program flexibilities provided by the federal government. These flexibilities have expired, and the U.S. Congress did not provide funding in this year's budget to allow schools to serve free meals to all students in the 2022-2023 school year. For Cuero ISD, CEP option has expired for Cuero High School only. However, **CISD will provided FREE breakfast to ALL CISD students (including High School).** Cuero High School students will go back to meal rate by eligibility status for lunch meals. Please visit www.cueroisd.org, under Food Service for more information. Your school nutrition team looks forward to serving healthy, balanced meals to every student in the new school year. These meals offer a good source of nutrition for children.

WHY ARE MEALS FREE TO ALL AT OTHER CAMPUSES?

John C French Elementary, Hunt Elementary and Cuero Junior High are eligible to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The CEP is a federally funded option that allows all students to eat breakfast and lunch during the school day for free.