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Fullerton School District Offers Free Meals for All Students in the 2024-25 School Year



All students in the Fullerton School District are eligible to receive free meals throughout the 2024-25 school year under a new provision of the California Universal Meals program.

(Fullerton, CA) - Fullerton School District's (FSD) Nutrition Services program is participating in the new Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the California Universal Meals program for the 2024-2025 school year, enabling all students in the district to receive free school meals throughout the upcoming academic year that begins August 12.

While all students are eligible to receive free meals under this program, the Fullerton School District encourages its new and incoming families to submit an Alternate Income Form (AIF) through the district's online Annual Information Review (AIR) system. Completing this AIF will also help families know if they qualify for many other benefits and discounts, including discounted home internet, college application fees, bus passes, and more. An additional reason why it is important for families to complete the AIF is that it might help provide increased

funding for FSD schools, which funding will go directly towards all of the educational programs and opportunities for every student across the school district.

FSD's Nutrition Services award-winning program was recently [awarded a 2023 Turnip the Beet Gold Award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's \(USDA\)](#) Food and Nutrition Services division and has continued to innovate to create delicious and nutritious meals, using locally sourced food whenever possible. For more information about the Fullerton School District and its Nutrition Services program, visit fullertonsd.org, and for more details on the CEP, visit www.fns.usda.gov/cn/cep.

Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California, and serves over 11,600 students in grades TK through 8. It includes 21 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-through-8 campuses, three middle schools, and an online and home school model. Fullerton School District also has Dual Language Academies for Korean and Spanish languages and a Performance Academy Sports Program for advanced student-athletes that integrates sports training into a traditional learning setting. It is home to a National Speech and Debate Middle School Champions. The mission of the Fullerton School District is to work collaboratively with the community to provide an innovative, high-quality educational program for all students in a safe learning environment. The District motto, "Great Schools - Successful Kids," exemplifies the belief that all students will achieve academic excellence, acquire interpersonal skills, and develop technological expertise to contribute as productive citizens in a democratic society. For more information about the Fullerton School District's award-winning schools, call (714) 447-7400 or visit www.fullertonsd.org.

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