Northside Independent School District announced its policy today for providing free and reduced- price meals for children served under the attached current income eligibility guidelines. Each school/site or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by anyone on request.

Starting on July 1, 2023 Northside ISD will begin communicating to the households of the children in the district about eligibility benefits and any actions households need to take to apply for these benefits. Applications also are available at:

- x Schools
- x Online at https://schoolcafe.com /Northside
- x NISD Child Nutrition – Free and Reduced Lunch Program Office
  7520 Mainland Dr., San Antonio, TX 78250

For more information, call the Free and Reduced Lunch Program Office at (210) 397-4517, email free-reduced@nisd.net, or visit www.nisd.net/schools/menus .

Criteria for Free and Reduced -Price Meal Benefits
The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits:

Income

1. Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels

Categorical (Automatic) Eligibility

2. Household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Program Participant

3. Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster

4. Child's enrollment in Head Start or Even Start

Income Eligibility
For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must complete an application for free and reduced-price meals and return it to:

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will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may also be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

Determining   Eligibility
Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Northside ISD Free and Reduced Meal Program Office staff will review applications and deter