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## BEDFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## School Meals at No Charge for All Children

Effective immediately, Bedford County Public Schools will be serving meals at no charge to children 18 and under. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved waivers for local school divisions and other federal meal program sponsors to implement the Summer Food Service Program to provide meals to children in the community free of charge through December 31, 2020. The waivers support access to nutritious meals while minimizing exposure to COVID-19.

The new school year requires a new meal application. Although school meals will be provided free to all children, school funding depends on completed meal applications. A new meal application must be completed if you have not already been notified that your student is approved for free meals. It is important to submit a completed meal application as soon as possible.

- Only one meal application is needed for each household.
- Applications are available online at bedford.sharpschool.net

Meals are available to all children including those learning in-person or virtually and regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

For information regarding meal distribution, visit our website at bedford.shaprschool.net and look for School Nutrition Program Meal Service Updates.

Meals will be provided, on a first come, first served basis at the following times and locations:

Bedford Elementary School 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Side entrance of the school under covered walkway

Bedford Primary School 10:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. Side entrance of the school at car rider drop off

Big Island Elementary 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Kitchen entrance at the back of the school building

Boonsboro Elementary 11:00 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. Side entrance of the school at car rider drop off

Forest Elementary 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Kitchen entrance at the back of the school building

Goodview Elementary 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Cafeteria entrance located in front of the school building

Huddleston Elementary 12:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Kitchen entrance at the back of the school building

Moneta Elementary 12:15 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Front entrance of the school

Montvale Elementary 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cafeteria door located in front circle of the school building

New London Academy 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Bus drop off entrance located at the back of the school building

Otter River Elementary 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Cafeteria entrance located in the bus loop

Stewartsville Elementary 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Side entrance located next to cafeteria

Thomas Jefferson Elementary 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cafeteria entrance located in front of the building

Forest Middle 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Bus Loop Drop off

Liberty Middle 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Door D23 located in the bus drop off area

Staunton River Middle 11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Front office entrance to the building

Jefferson Forest High 12:30 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. Auditorium Loop

Liberty High 12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Cafeteria entrance located behind the school

Staunton River High 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cafeteria entrance located behind the school

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