

THE GREATER AMSTERDAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Central Administration Building
PO Box 309
140 Saratoga Avenue
Amsterdam, New York 12010

2020-2021
Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs
Special Provision Options (Provision 2 Non-Base Year & Community Eligibility Provision)

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that the Greater Amsterdam School District will be implementing a meal certification option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2020-2021 school year.

What does this mean for your child(ren) attending the school(s) identified above?

All students enrolled in the Greater Amsterdam School District are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the 2020-2021 school year. If you are currently receiving qualified state assistance, your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

If your child(ren) attends schools that are not participating in CEP, your household may still need to fill out a confidential meal application or pay for the meals.

If any of the eligible child(ren) in your household are not currently receiving the following benefits: SNAP, Medicaid, or FDPIR benefits, and believe you are qualified due to income eligibility, please complete the **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)/Provision 2 non-base Household Income Eligibility Form 2020-2021** that is enclosed. You may return the completed form to: GASD, Attn: Business Office, PO Box 309, 140 Saratoga Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010. If you have questions, please contact the Business Office at (518) 843-3180, ext. 7405.

Please return the application to the address above by August 10, 2020, with the income information based on the previous month

Colleen DiCaprio, Business Manager

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Main Office: 518-843-3180

Superintendent:	Ext. 7801	CSE Office:	Ext. 7302
Asst Superintendent of Data/Personnel:	Ext. 7500	CPSE Office:	Ext. 7305
Secondary Instruction:	Ext. 7201	Purchasing:	Ext. 7408
Elementary Instruct/Federal Programs:	Ext. 7101	Business Office:	Ext. 7400
Special Education:	Ext. 7301		

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**Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)/Provision 2 non-base year
Household Income Eligibility Form**

2020-2021

Greater Amsterdam School District is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 in a non-base year. All children in the school will receive meals/milk at no charge regardless of household income or completion of this form. This form is to determine eligibility for additional State and federal program benefits that your child(ren) may qualify for. Read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and return it to the school named above. Call the Business Office at 518-843-3180, x.7405, if you need help

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	No Income
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Skip to Part 5, and sign the application.
Name: _____ CASE # _____

3. Household Gross Income: List all people living in your household, how much and how often they are paid (weekly, every other week, twice per month, monthly). Do not leave income blank. If no income, check box. If you have listed a foster child above, you must report their personal income.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions Amount / How Often	Child Support, Alimony Amount / How Often	Pensions, Retirement Payments Amount / How Often	Other Income, Social Security Amount / How Often	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school may receive federal funds. The school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Email Address: _____
Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____
Home Address _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY	
Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application) Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12	Household Size: _____
SNAP/TANF/Foster Income	Total Household Income/How Often: _____
Free Eligibility Signature of Reviewing Official	Reduced Eligibility Denied Eligibility

CEP/Provision 2 Non-Base Year Household Income Form INSTRUCTIONS

PART 1

ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE FORM FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one form.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, and check the box for each child with no income.

PART 2

HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. Do not use the 16-digit number on your benefit card. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the form in PART 4, SKIP PART 3 - Do not list names of household members w/ income if you list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number.

PARTS 3 & 4

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE ALL OF PARTS 3 AND 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are completing the form for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people living in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box. The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should not be considered as income for this program.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

Use of Information Statement

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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