



LFNO Lunch Application Directions:

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Xo-c50kBljXkimUx416SULEm1sddK1UJ--0IM45qXJg/edit?usp=sharing>

Why you should fill out a LFNO Lunch Application:

Some people have heard that it is only necessary to fill out this application if you want your child to qualify for free or reduced-price school lunch. The truth is that it is important for EVERY family to fill out this form because *doing so helps bring much needed additional money and services to every child at Lycee.*

Lycee receives funding from the state and federal governments to support the needs of low-income students. For each student who qualifies for free or reduced price meals, LFNO receives thousands of additional dollars in funding. Studies show that many eligible students, in particular middle school and high school students, do not complete this form each year, leaving hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding for schools on the table. Even a small increase in eligible forms collected results in significantly more money to support our schools and students.

What is the LFNO Lunch Application?

This form collects basic information about your student used to determine his or her eligibility for free or reduced-price breakfast, lunch, and also so that schools can qualify to receive extra money and programs.

What if my child doesn't want to eat school lunch? Why should I fill out the form?

Even if your child chooses to bring their own lunch, or if all students receive free lunch, filling out the form is very important! It ensures Lycee gets all of the funding and benefits available to support students and teachers. Also, even if your child does not eat school lunch, students who qualify for free lunch also can receive other benefits like:

- Fee waiver for tutoring or afterschool programs
- Discounts for your family on utilities and internet service
- Reduced fees for Delf and other French Language exams
- Reduced fees for SAT and ACT tests and college applications



How does filling out the LFNO Lunch Form help my school?

- Schools may become eligible for money to fund afterschool programs.
- Schools get more money in their budgets to support all students.
- LFNO qualifies to receive more money per student from the state and federal government which they can use to better student services.
- Middle and high schools with high return rates may also help their Lycee lower school qualify for free afterschool snacks, dinners, and on-site summer meals.
- If enough students qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch, Lycee could be eligible for CEP status, which **would ensure FREE meals for ALL students for the next 5 years.**

Help! The online form is confusing!

Here are a few tips we have picked up that might help if you are having trouble with the online form:

- **Select Healthy School Foods Collaborative for your district.**
- **Student ID:** Submitting this number on the form is not required unless you are signing up to make school lunch payments online.
- **Income information:** Some parents have asked if they need to provide this information if they know that they are not eligible for free or reduced-price meals. The online form does require that families enter income. This information is not shared, and is required for those seeking free or reduced price meal eligibility. However, a family that does not wish to be considered for eligibility may request a paper form at the school office, complete student information in step 1, write "do not qualify" in the first box in step 3, and then complete the name, signature, and date lines in step 6.
- **Last 4 digits of Social Security Number:** If you don't have a social security number or don't want to submit the last 4 digits of your social, you can check the box that says "don't have one" and still be eligible for free or reduced-price lunch



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Is the Information I Submit Confidential?

- The information you submit on the LFNO Lunch Form cannot be shared by Lycee or Healthy School Foods Collaborative(HSFC).
- Personal information submitted on the form is not shared with the state or federal government: only the number of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch is shared.
- Principals and teachers are not told which students qualify for free or reduced lunch benefits.
- Lycee/HSFC does not share information with other organizations that provide benefits. But if your child does qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, you may use their eligibility to qualify for other benefits.
- If your child qualifies and chooses to eat lunch in the cafeteria, the breakfast and lunch process is the same as a student who is paying full price.

What if I still have questions?

Please email Lycee's Coordinator of Meal Services at mealservice@lfno.org with any questions or if you need help with the application process.