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# WALES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Wales Elementary offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.50; lunch costs \$2.75. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.** Reduced price is \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. The Wales Elementary School has applications to apply for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Please contact the school for an application at 413-245-7748.

### WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- a. All children in households receiving benefits from **MA SNAP** or **MA TANF** are eligible for free meals. No application is required for free meal benefits through these programs.
- b. **Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.**
- c. **Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.**
- d. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- e. Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. All children in these households are eligible for free meals, and if any child was not listed on the eligibility notice the household should contact the school. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2016-2017			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$21,978	\$1,832	\$ 423
2	\$29,637	\$2,470	\$ 570
3	\$37,296	\$3,108	\$ 718
4	\$44,955	\$3,747	\$ 865
5	\$52,614	\$4,385	\$1,012
6	\$60,273	\$5,023	\$1,160
7	\$67,951	\$5,663	\$1,307
8	\$75,647	\$6,304	\$1,455
Each additional person:	+\$7,696	\$ +642	\$ +148