

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **The Monarch School of New England** offers healthy meals every school day. Lunch costs \$3.00. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals.** The reduced price is .40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

### 1. Who can get free or reduced-priced meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from **NH SNAP**, or **TANF**, are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced-price meals if their household's income is within the limits of the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. 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 **2023-2024**

Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$ 26,973	\$ 2,248	\$ 519
2	\$ 36,482	\$ 3,041	\$ 702
3	\$ 45,991	\$ 3,833	\$ 885
4	\$ 55,500	\$ 4,625	\$ 1,068
5	\$ 65,009	\$ 5,418	\$ 1,251
6	\$ 74,518	\$ 6,210	\$ 1,434
7	\$ 84,027	\$ 7,003	\$ 1,616
8	\$ 93,536	\$ 7,795	\$ 1,799
Each additional person:	+ \$ 9,509	+ \$ 793	+ \$ 183

### 2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel,

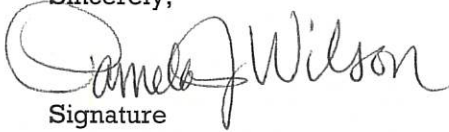
14. We are in the military. Do we REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

15. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact Erin Fraser, Monarch School of New England, 13 Monarch Way, Rochester, NH 03867, or at [efraser@monarchschoolne.org](mailto:efraser@monarchschoolne.org) or at 603-332-2848 to receive a second application.

16. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for? To find out how to apply for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR, or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call client services toll-free at 1-800-852-3345 ext. x4238, 1-844-275-3447 or 1-603-271-9700.

If you have other questions or need help, call Pam Wilson at 603-332-2848.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela J. Wilson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Signature

Pamela J. Wilson, Director of Finance

(Print Name and Title)

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