

Mapleton Local Schools

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Mapleton Community:

As the recent events of COVID-19 have created many difficulties for our Mapleton families, we want to stand strong in the message to our community that the staff and administrators truly care about our students and their families. You are the center focus and driving force of our work and efforts. Within these unprecedented times, we will continue to reach out and offer comfort and support to those who are the victim of financial uncertainty. Free and Reduced Meals encompasses more than just food for our students, though, that is the primary association. Unbeknownst to many is how completing the application for Free and Reduced meals can offer so much more, not only our students, but our district as a whole.

The following are a few items regarding what could be provided by qualifying for Free and Reduced Meals:

- Access to free and reduced breakfast and lunch
- Reduced or fully paid school fees
- Increased state funding to the district
- Grant opportunities
- Increase Federal Program Funding for the district
- Reduced cost for after-care programs at Mapleton Elementary
- Student eligibility for Career-Based Intervention at Mapleton High School
- Fee waivers for students taking the ACT, SAT, and PSAT
- Waived application fees for some colleges and universities

The Free and Reduced Meal application and instructions can be located on our district's website (<u>www.mapleton.k12.oh.us</u>) by looking on the Lunch Menu/Food Service page. This can be found under the Quick Links tab at the top right corner of the website. Once completed, the application can be scanned and emailed to <u>mapl_pastel@tccsa.net</u> or it can be mailed to:

Mapleton Local Schools c/o Deb Pastel 635 County Road 801 Ashland, OH 44805

Please, take a few minutes to check your eligibility within the instructions and complete and return this form.

Stay strong and stay safe!

Deb Pastel Mapleton Food Service Director

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