



# HAMMOND BAPTIST SCHOOLS

*A Ministry of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana*

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Jack Hyles  
L.H.D., D.D.  
*Founder*

Dear Parent,

Bro. Schaap and the deacons of the First Baptist Church in coordination with the National School Lunch Program are excited to offer free and reduced-price meals to qualifying families of Hammond Baptist Schools. Children need healthy meals to learn. Hammond Baptist offers healthy meals every school day. The lunch regular price is \$2.00; reduced price for lunch is \$0.40. We will also be offering breakfast in the morning. The breakfast regular price is \$1.50; reduced is \$0.30.

Jack Schaap  
M.Ed., D.D.  
*Pastor  
Superintendent*

1. Who can get free or reduced price meals? If your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income Chart, your children can get free or reduced price meals. Also, children in households receiving Food Stamps or TANF and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income.

James Woosley  
B.S., L.H.D.  
*Assistant  
Superintendent  
High School  
Principal*

2. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Use one application for all the students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to the Grade School, Junior High, or High School Office.

3. I get WIC. Can my children get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.

Mike Sisson  
B.S., L.H.D.  
*Grade School  
Principal*

4. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

5. Whom should I include as members of my household? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children who live with you.

6. Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to provide written proof.

7. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1,000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1,000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes.

Fred Singleton  
B.S.  
*Grade School  
Assistant  
Principal*

8. We are in the military; do we include our housing allowance as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

9. If I don't qualify now, may I apply again later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up or income goes down. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced-price meals during the time you are unemployed.

10. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to the school office. You also may ask for a hearing by calling Hammond Baptist at (219) 322-5400 Ext. 117.

We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to the Grade School, Junior High, or High School office by Friday, September 11. This program will be of great financial help to many of our families. We are happy to serve you in any way that we can. If you have other questions or need help, call any of the school offices: (219) 322-5400.

Sincerely,

James Woosley

Jim Vogel  
B.S.  
*Junior High  
Principal*

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