


FORT RECOVERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,


Thank you for all of the warm welcomes to Fort Recovery Elementary School. I'm so excited to serve as the elementary principal, and I look forward to collaborating with you, the students, and the staff as we kick off a great school year! The staff have been working hard preparing the building and classrooms this summer, and we can't wait for the kids to get here!

At Fort Recovery Elementary School we often reference the Indian Way, which teaches students the importance of community, growth, and responsibility. I am a firm believer that learning from mistakes and failures is one of the deepest ways to grow, and I believe that our schools should be a safe place for students to do this. Learning and achieving goals can be hard work, but it is worth the struggle because it will provide opportunities and pathways to our students' dreams. We want to equip our students to be independent, lifelong learners by the time they graduate, and we get the honor of starting that work in our Elementary School.

Our parents and greater community are a large part of the formula that leads to the success of our students. We strive for open communication, and I would encourage you to contact us if you ever have any questions or needs regarding your student's education. We are all rooting for our Fort Recovery kids!

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We hope you had a great summer! We are so excited to welcome you back to school!

Welcome to
the 23-24
School
year!

Students begin the new school year on Tuesday, August 22, which is quickly approaching! Please make sure that you purchase school supplies to send with your student. You can bring these to our Open Building Night on Aug. 21 from 3:30-7:00. You can also pick up a free/reduced lunch form, pay your school fees, and add money to your students' lunch accounts during this event.

Another important item to complete before the school year begins is your student's registration paperwork on **Final Forms**. This can be found through our www.fortrecoveryschools.org website or even through a quick Google search. Each family has a unique login, and you can find all of your students forms in one place. The forms carry over information from year to year, so it doesn't take long to update. We use the information to create bus routes and other beginning of the year plans.





SCHOOL EVENTS!!!

Here are some highlights of events happening at FRES this month:

- **Aug. 21** - Open Building, 3:30-7:00pm
- **Aug. 22** - First Day of School
- **Aug. 25** - Pool Party for students in grades 3-5 who turned in their summer reading forms
- **Aug. 25**- Cooper Farms Canned Meat Sales Kickoff
- **Aug. 29** - Kindergarten Parent Meeting, 6:30pm in the Auditoria
- **Sept. 1** - 3rd grade to public library
- **Sept. 4** - Labor Day, no school
- **Sept. 6** - Cooper Farms Sales due
- **Sept. 13** - Picture day



Book Fees

Kindergarten	- \$61
First Grade	- \$70.50
Second Grade	- \$71.00
Third Grade	- \$74.00
Fourth Grade	- \$67.00
Fifth Grade	- \$78.25

Read More On

www.fortrecoveryschools.org

Elem 419-375-2768
 MS 419-375-2815
<http://www.fortrecoveryschools.org>

Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria
 "This Institution is an equal opportunity provider"

Lunch Prices
 PK-5 \$2.35
 6th -12th \$2.60

August 2023





Adults 3.70

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	22 Hot Dog Baked Beans Baked Potato Chips Applesauce Milk	23 Pizza Rippers Broccoli Peaches Milk	24 Chicken Tenders Butter Bread Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	25 Coopers Chicken Sandwich Waffle Fries Apricots Milk
28 Sloppy Joe Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Pears Milk	29 Hamburger Sandwich/Cheese Onion Rings Pineapple Milk	30 Popcorn Chicken Corn Mix Fruit WG Cookie Milk	31 Walking Taco Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Cup Refried Beans Fruit Slushie Milk	Sept. 1 Cheese Pizza Caesar Salad Tropical Fruit Milk

PB&J will be offered daily to 3-8 for an alternate sandwich.
 Fresh fruit and vegetables offer daily to 3rd-8th grades



September 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4  Labor Day	5 Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli Peaches Milk	6 Mini Corn Dogs Cowboy Beans Applesauce Milk	7 Sausage Links French Toast/Syrup Hash Browns Oranges Milk	8 Chicken Nuggets Butter Bread Green Beans Raisels Milk
11 Hot Dog Baked Beans Applesauce Baked Chips Milk 	12 Salisbury Steak Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Apricots Milk 	13 Sausage Patty Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Pineapple Milk	14 Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Bread Sticks Cole Slaw Strawberry Cup Milk	15 Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Caesar Salad Tropical Fruit Milk
18 Chicken Quesadilla/Salsa Cup Corn Apple Slices Milk	19 Tangerine Chicken/Rice Broccoli Fortune Cookie Mandarin Oranges Milk	20 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Pears Milk	21 Chili Soup/Crackers/Cheese Stick Butter Bread Carrots Banana Milk	22 Soft Taco Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Cup Refried Beans Fruit Slushie Milk
25 Chicken Tenders Cowboy Beans WG Cookie Pineapple Milk	26 Pizza Sub Onion Rings Peaches Milk	27 BBQ Rib Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Mik Fruit Milk	28 Breaded Chicken Sandwich Caesar Salad Tropical Fruit Milk	29 Egg & Cheese Sandwich Tater Tots Orange Juice Fruit Snacks Milk 



FORT RECOVERY LOCAL SCHOOLS

"Better today than you were yesterday. Better tomorrow than you were today."

ANTHONY T. STAHL
SUPERINTENDENT

August 21, 2023

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Free/Reduced Lunch Information & Sign-up Directions

RYAN J. STEINBRUNNER
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Please review the attached document carefully if you would like to apply for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program at Fort Recovery Local Schools.

HOLLY A. GANN
MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Instructions to complete the free and reduced lunch forms are online. The attached information are directions to access these forms.

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You will need to go to the Fort Recovery Local Schools website (www.fortrecoveryschools.org). On the homepage, scroll down and find the PaySchools Central icon underneath the picture slides. Click the PaySchools Central icon and it will bring you to a new webpage. From there, follow the directions on the attached pages to apply for free and reduced lunch for the upcoming school year.

If you have any questions, you can contact Mindy Dues at 419-375-2815, ext. 203 or email her at duesm@fortrecoveryschools.org.

Thank you,

Tony Stahl
Superintendent

QuikApps

Parent User Guide

Registering at PaySchools Central

- 1) To register, go to payschoolscentral.com and select the Register option below the Email and Password fields.

- 2) Once on the 'New User Registration' page, fill out all required fields marked by a red asterisk. Be sure to check the User Agreement and click the box before selecting Register.
- 3) Once the registration has been submitted, selected an email will be delivered to your email account with a link to activate your account and set your password. **This link is ONLY VALID FOR 30 MINUTES.** If you do not activate the link within the allotted time, please return to payschoolscentral.com and use the Forgot Password link to request a new email.

Welcome to PaySchools Central.

Hi John Everyman,

To confirm your account and set your password, please follow [this link](#).

This link is active for 30 minutes. If you do not complete your registration during this time period, please return to www.payschoolscentral.com and use the Forgot password link to request a new link for your account.

PaySchools.com allows you to fund your student's account safely and easily online. For more information about PaySchools.com, please visit PaySchools.com. And for further ease of access to your account, be sure to pick up the mobile app for your smartphone or table - you'll find links below.

If you did not mean to create a new account or feel you've received this email in error, [please contact us](#).

Thanks,
PaySchools.com Administrators

- 4) You will then enter your email, password, and confirm to complete registration.



Please enter your email address and password to activate your account.

Password Complexity must meet the following conditions:
- Minimum 8 characters
- Maximum 128 characters
- May not contain more than 2 identical characters in a row
- Must meet at least 3 of the 4:
- upper case, lowercase, numbers and special character.

[Back to Sign In page](#)

[Confirm](#)

- a) The password must contain a minimum of 8 characters and a maximum of 128.

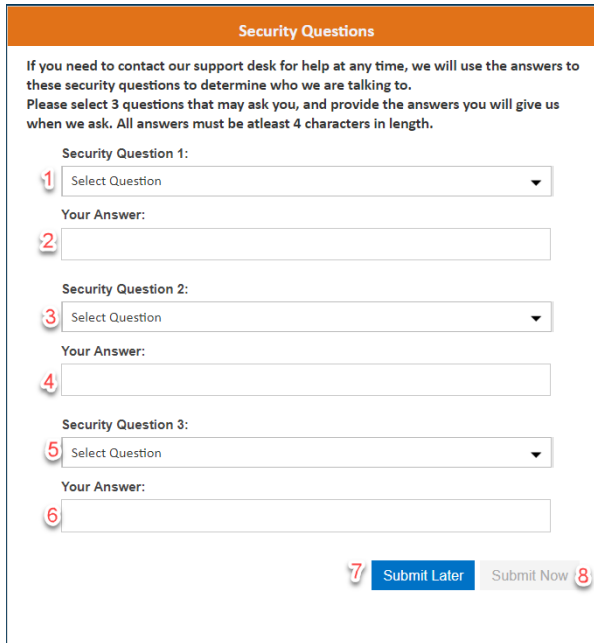


- b) The password may NOT contain more than 2 identical characters.
- c) The password must meet at least 3 of the 4; upper case, lower case, numbers and special character.

Account Validation

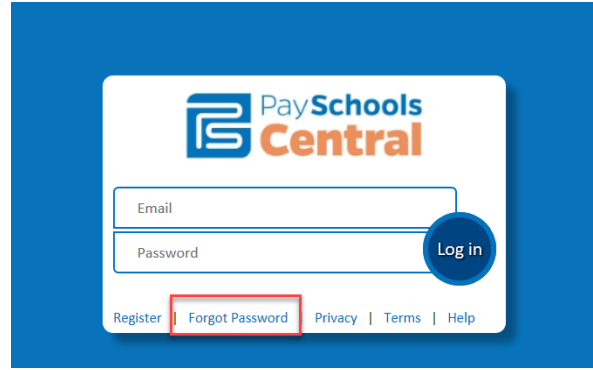
For your security, once you verify your account via the email link, you will be directed to set up security question.

- 1) Submit later: You may choose to enter your security questions at a later time, but this information is helpful in validating you if you need to call for support in the future. If you choose this option, press the Submit Later button.
- 2) Submit now: Once security questions are set up, the Submit Now button will be available.

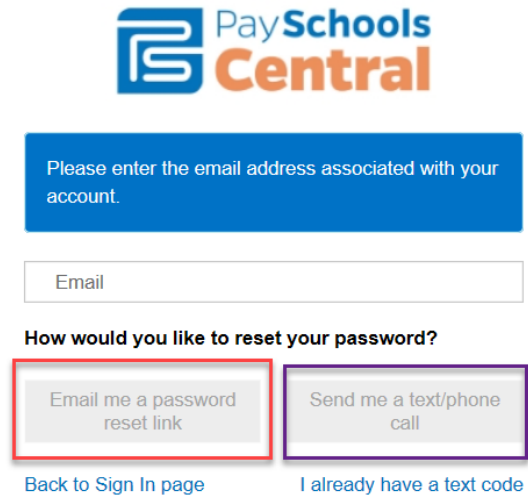


Password Recovery

- 1) If you forget your password, use the Forgot Password link on the login page.



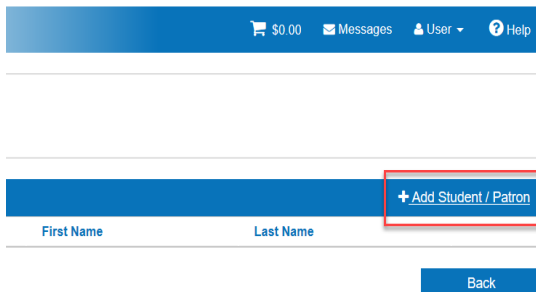
- 2) Choose whether you would like to receive an email link or a text code to reset your password.




Adding Students

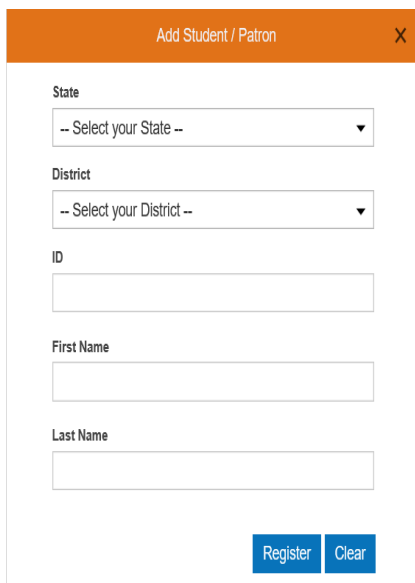
You can set up as many students as needed through a single account if they are within the same district. For application purposes, children at different districts will be added as a household member in later steps.

- 1) Upon logging into the system for the first time, you will be prompted to add a patron to your account. Follow the [Click Here](#) link, then the [Add Student/Patron](#) button to add your student's information.



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with a shopping cart icon showing \$0.00, a Messages icon, a User dropdown, and a Help icon. Below the navigation bar is a large empty white space. At the bottom, there is a blue bar with the text '+ Add Student / Patron' in white, which is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Below this bar are two input fields labeled 'First Name' and 'Last Name'. A 'Back' button is located at the bottom right of the form area.

- 2) Enter student information: Your student's information must match the details provided to you at registration by your school. PaySchools **CANNOT** provide student information and any questions pertaining to student information and you must ask your school for this information.




The screenshot shows a modal window titled 'Add Student / Patron' with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The form contains the following fields: a dropdown menu for 'State' with the text '-- Select your State --', a dropdown menu for 'District' with the text '-- Select your District --', a text input field for 'ID', a text input field for 'First Name', and a text input field for 'Last Name'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Register' and 'Clear'.

- 3) Once all information has been entered, press the [Register](#) button.

Complete Your Application

Once you have your PaySchools Central account set up, you can begin your application.

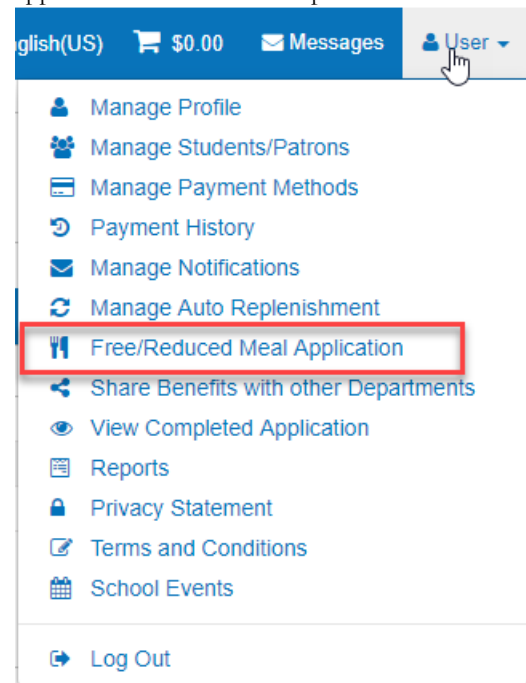
- 1) You will have two ways to access the application:
 - a) Once signed on, you will see a popup with an option to complete your application.



The screenshot shows an 'Information' popup window with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The text inside reads: 'You can now fill your Free/Reduced meal application from PaySchools Central. Click on the below button (or) navigate to User menu -> Free/Reduced Meal Application, to start filling your application.' Below the text is a checkbox labeled 'Do Not Show This Message Again' and a blue button labeled 'Free/Reduced Meal Application'.

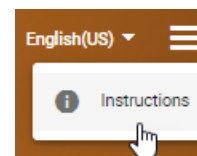
Note: This screen will have updated wording

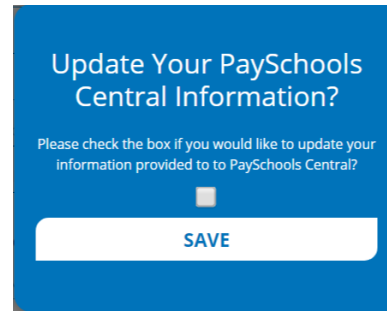
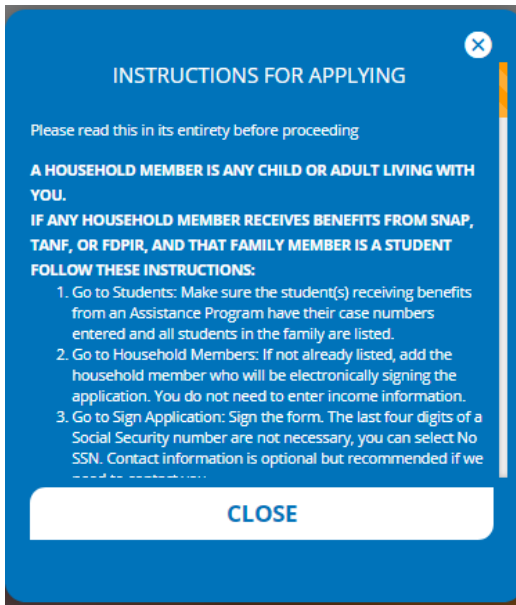
- b) Additionally, you can always access the application from the menu options.



The screenshot shows the user menu dropdown. The top bar includes 'English(US)', a shopping cart icon with \$0.00, a Messages icon, and a User dropdown. The menu items are: 'Manage Profile', 'Manage Students/Patrons', 'Manage Payment Methods', 'Payment History', 'Manage Notifications', 'Manage Auto Replenishment', 'Free/Reduced Meal Application' (highlighted with a red box), 'Share Benefits with other Departments', 'View Completed Application', 'Reports', 'Privacy Statement', 'Terms and Conditions', 'School Events', and 'Log Out'.

- 2) Instructions regarding how to complete an application can be accessed from the [Menu](#) at any time.

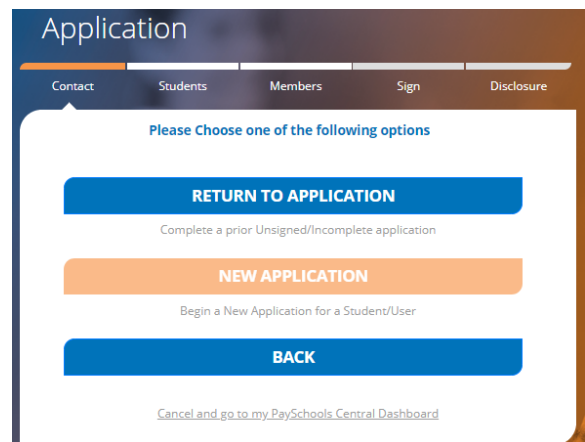




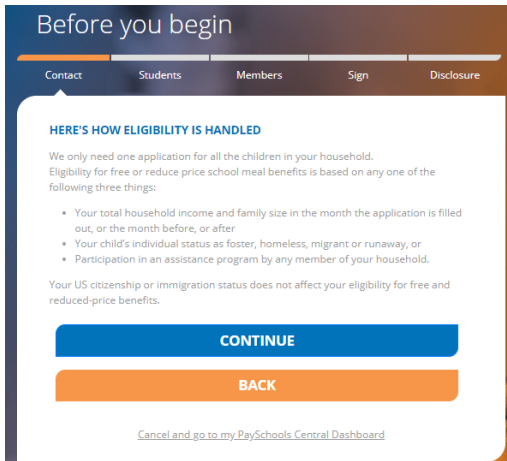
- 3) Contact information is shown prefilled with the profile information on your PaySchools Central account.
 - a) You can verify, or alter, the information for your application specifically if any changes are needed.
 - b) Select your preferred contact method; email or mail. This will be used if your district requires your application to be reviewed. In that case, the district will use this contact method to send your determination letter.
 - c) Press continue to go to the next step
- 4) If changes were made to the contact details, you may choose to update PaySchools Central contact details as well.

Note: You can NOT update your email address, as this is also your login ID. If you wish to change your email address, please return to PaySchools Central using the option [Cancel and Go to my PaySchools Central Dashboard](#) → [User Menu](#) → [Manage Profile](#) feature.

- 5) Choose your application type:
 - a) Choose [Return To Application](#), to continue an application that you started but had not completed. This option will ONLY show if you have already started an application.
 - b) Choose [New Application](#), to begin an application for this school year.



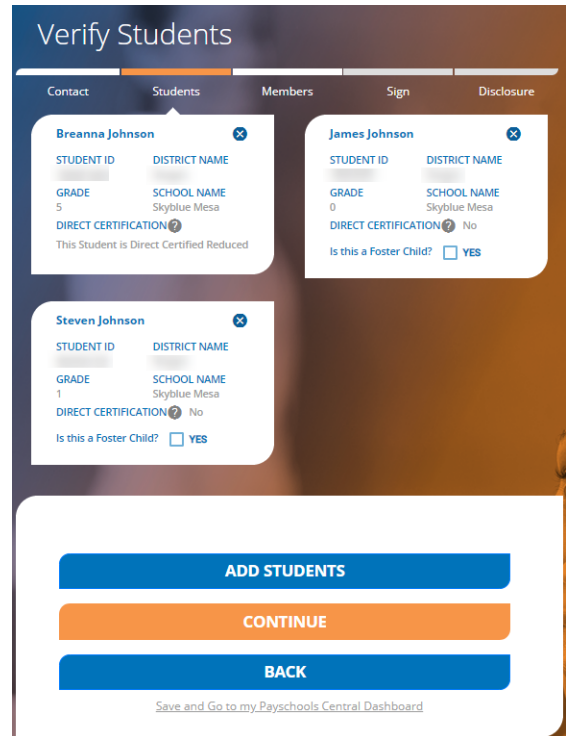
- 6) Before you Begin: Read messages from your school and instructions on how income should be entered.
 - a) If your school district has added a message, you will see this in the [From Your School District](#)
 - b) If your school district does NOT have a message, you will ONLY see the “Here’s how eligibility is handled” only.



- c) Here's How Eligibility Is Handled: Instructions for how to complete an application and the details that will be need such as income types that you will want to enter.
- d) Continue to the next step:
- i) Select the Continue button to go to the next step
 - ii) Or press the Back button to return to the last step
 - iii) Or use the Cancel and Go to my PaySchools Central Dashboard link to leave the application and return to PaySchools Central.

Add\Verify Students

- 7) Verify Students: Students from last year's application and PaySchools Central will be listed.



- a) Data regarding your student will be shown including: Student ID, District name, Grade, and School Name. In addition, if your student is already Directly Certified from an outside government program such as SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, this will be identified in this section. This is done directly from the State program to your school district and there is nothing needed on your side.
- b) You can remove students with the Remove icon (x) in the top right for each student box.
- c) Press the Add Students Button If you need to add additional students

- d) Select “is this a Foster Child?” for any students in your household who are fostered in your household, you will not enter any income or additional details for the student, but they will be part of your family count and therefore effect your determination.

- e) Continue to the next step:
- i) Select the Continue button to go to the next step.
 - ii) Or press the Back button to return to the last step.
 - iii) Use the Save and Go to my PaySchools Central Dashboard link to save the application and return to PaySchools Central.
- f) Directly Certified Students:
- i) If all your students are Directly Certified by the state, you will be informed and directed to the disclosure options to allow or prohibit sharing of your meal status for other departments. Disclosing this information can reduce the amount of money owed on school fees.

- ii) If some, but not all, of your students are Directly Certified:
 - (1) You can extend that benefit to the other children on your application either individually or using the Extend To ALL, to select all students currently on your application.
 - (2) If you extend benefits to ALL students on your application, you will ALSO be redirected to the Disclosure options to allow or disallow sharing of your meal status for other departments which can reduce the amount owed on school fees if your schools allow.

One of Your Students Is Directly Certified

One of your student is directly certified by a state program and provided a meal benefit, which can be extended/shared with your other students. Please choose a patron to share their meal status with other students

SELECT PATRON ▾

One of your students has been directly certified from a state program, and given a Reduced meal status. If one student in your family has already been given a status, you can extended/share the benefit with other students in your family. Please select the family members you would like to extend this benefit to, and then choose if you would like to use this meal status, or continue completing the application to enter income and determined whether you qualify for Free meal status.

Would you like to share this with other children on this application?

James Johnson
 Steven Johnson
 Extend to All

CONTINUE

Note: Foster students will NOT be on this list, as they are verified by the state in a different manner than Direct Certification.

- 8) Student Assistance: If your student is NOT Directly Certified, you will need to enter assistance details or income.
 - a) If they are NOT part of a state assistance program:
 - i) Choose None of these if your student is are not part of a program and to move on to the income section
 - b) If they ARE part of a state assistance program:
 - i) Choose the option from the dropdown; TANF, SNAP, FDPIR
 - ii) Enter their case number provided by the state

- (1) Select the Continue button to go to the next step.
- (2) Press the Back button to return to the last step.
- (3) Or use the Save and Go to my PaySchools Central Dashboard link to save the application and return to PaySchools Central.

Breanna Johnson | James Johnson | Steven Johnson

Breanna Johnson

Select Assistance Type *
FDPIR

Case Number *

NEXT

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- c) If they are NOT part of a state assistance program.
 - i) Choose whether they are a Special Situation. If they have a Special situation, choose the option from the dropdown; homeless, Migrant, Runaway.

Breanna Johnson | Steven Johnson

Breanna Johnson

Select Assistance Type *
None of These

Select Special Situation *

None of These
Homeless
Migrant
Runaway

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- ii) If the student has Income, select the income box to display the income fields;

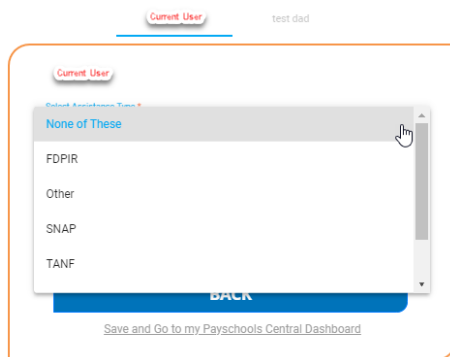
- (1) Enter income from Work, Welfare/Child Support/Alimony (Gross) and the frequency of the income from the dropdown.
 - (2) Enter income from Pension Retirement, SSI, VA, SS (after taxes).
 - (3) Enter other income that was NOT entered from the above such as PFD in Alaska (after taxes).
 - (4) You MUST complete the amount field for each income type you select, for the continue button to be enabled.
- d) Continue to the next step:
- i) Select the Next button to go to the next step.
 - ii) Press the Back button to return to the last step.
 - iii) Use the Save and Go to my PaySchools Central Dashboard link to save the application and return to PaySchools Central home screen.

Add\Verify Members

- 9) Verify and Add members: Please read the information on what is considered a member.

- a) You, the user completing the application, will automatically be added to the application as a member.
- b) Members from last year's application, matched from your email, will automatically be added.
 - i) Remove members if they are no longer in your household.
 - ii) Add all members to your member list using the Add Member button.

- c) Continue to the next step:
 - i) Select the Continue button to go to the next step.
 - ii) Or press the Back button to return to the last step.
 - iii) Or use the Save and Go to my PaySchools Central Dashboard link to save the application and return to PaySchools Central.
- 10) Member Assistance: You will also need to enter assistance details or income for members of your household.
 - a) If they NOT part of a state assistance program:
 - i) Choose None of these from the dropdown options and to move on to the income section
 - b) If they ARE part of a state assistance program:
 - i) Choose the option from the dropdown; TANF, SNAP, or FDPIR.



- ii) You will then be prompted to enter your student's case number provided by the state.
- c) If they are NOT part of a state assistance program and has income. Enter income amounts and the frequency; weekly, every two weeks, monthly, or annually if that option is available for your District.
 - i) Check the income box and enter the ***member's*** Income.
 - (1) Enter income from Work, Welfare/Child Support/Alimony (gross) and the frequency of the income from the dropdown.
 - (2) Enter income from Pension Retirement, SSI, VA, SS (gross)

- (3) Enter other income that was NOT entered from the above such as PFD in Alaska (gross).
- (4) You MUST complete the amount field for each income type you select, or the continue button will not be enabled.
- d) Continue to the next step:
 - i) Select the Continue button to go to the next step.
 - ii) Press the Back button to return to the last step.
 - iii) Or use the Save and Go to my PaySchools Central Dashboard link to save the application and return to PaySchools Central.
- 11) Statements:
 - a) Read the Use of Information and USDA Non-Discrimination statements
 - b) Continue to the next step:
 - i) Select the Continue button to go to the next step.
 - ii) Press the Back button to return to the last step.
 - iii) Use the Save and Go to my PaySchools Central Dashboard link to save the application and return to PaySchools Central.

Review and Sign Application

12) Summary and Review:

- a) Review all member and student details:
 - i) Ensure all income and assistance types have been entered
 - ii) If any details were missed or need to be changed, click on the Edit link, to be directed to the student or member assistance screen to make changes. Once done, you will be redirected to this page to review again or can use the buttons at the bottom to navigate through the application again.
- b) Read the “I certify” message and agree that all information provided is correct
- c) Continue to the next step:
 - i) Select the Continue button to go to the next step.
 - ii) Or press the Back button to return to the last step.
 - iii) Or use the Save and Go to my PaySchools Central Dashboard link to save the application and return to PaySchools Central.

13) Sign your application and give demographic data

- a) Demographics data is optional and may show or may not show based on your school districts state requirements.

- i) Choose between ‘Hispanic or Latino’ or ‘Not Hispanic or Latino’
 - ii) Choose from other demographics for additional details.
 - b) Enter the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number (SSN) or select the No SSN\Not applicable if you do not have a SSN.
 - c) Enter your PaySchools Central Password.
 - d) Continue to the next step:
 - i) Select the Sign button to complete the application and to go to the next step.
 - ii) Back button to return to the last step.
- 14) If applicable and set up by your school: The next step is to complete disclosure choices. This option is to share your student’s meal benefit with other departments your school has designated, which can reduce fee costs.

- a) Select the School Departments:
 - i) To share the benefit with for each of your students individually.
 - ii) Or select the Check this box if you would like to share with ALL department's checkbox for each of your students
- b) Enter your PaySchools Central Password
- c) Continue to the next step:
 - i) Select the Sign button sign the application and to go to the next step.

- ii) Or press the Back button to return to the last step.

Get Determination Letter

- 15) Get your determination letter
 - a) If your school automatically approves applications:

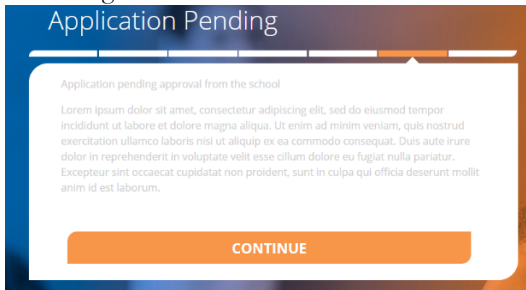
- i) Get your application via three options, note that you can do all three options if you choose.
 - (1) Download and print: Download your determination letter immediately.

Do you want to open or save [Determination.pdf \(978 KB\)](#) from [cbemiddleschool.com?](#)

- (2) Email: Send the determination letter to your email in PDF
- (3) Standard Mail: You can choose to have the determination letter sent to you from the school district via mail. Please note this will take time for the district to print and mail to you and is NOT the preferred method of delivery.
- b) If your school does NOT automatically approve applications:
 - i) You will be notified that the application is pending approval and your preferred contact method will be used to send your letter once approved.



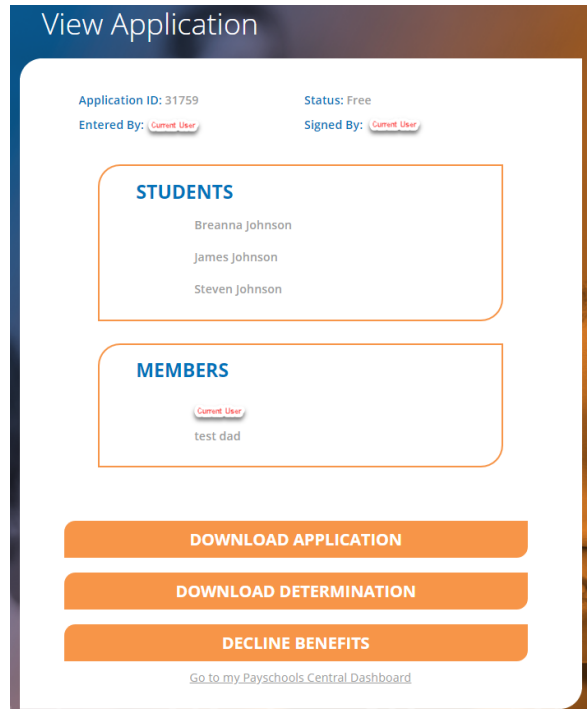
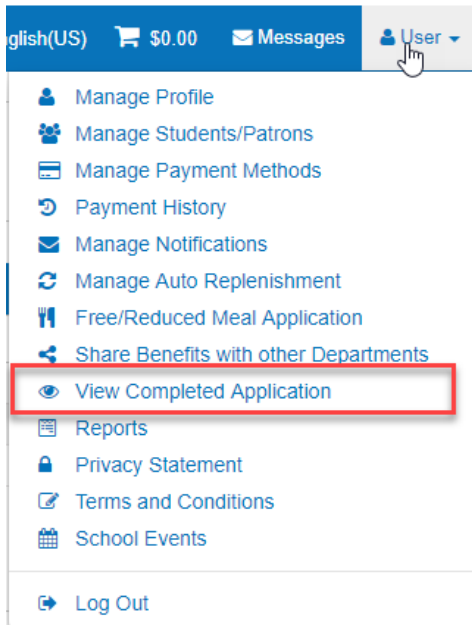
- ii) If changes are needed for your application to be approved, an email will be sent and a screen popup in PaySchools Central will be shown.
- iii) In both cases, you will be instructed to return to your application to make changes and resubmit.



- c) Continue to the next step:
 - i) Select the Continue button to go to the next step.

Review Completed Applications

- 1) You can view the current application from the View Completed Application option in the User Menu:



- 2) Download Application: Application details can be downloaded in PDF
- 3) Download Determination: Determination letter can be downloaded in PDF
 - a) Decline benefits: If your income situation changes and you no longer wish to use Free or Reduced-price meals or apply the status for a reduction in fees.
 - i) Declining benefits will cause the application to be removed and your student's meal status reset to full pay.
 - ii) You can always submit a new application to re-apply for benefits at any time through the school year.
 - iii) Confirmation regarding Declining Benefits is shown:

Decline Benefits ✕

Are you sure you want to decline the benefits for all the students in this application?

YES NO