

LETTER TO HOUSEHOLDS
SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Hazard School serves milk each school day. Children may buy milk for .20 . Children may also receive free milk.

If you now receive food stamps* or FIP* for your children, your children can receive free milk. If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the Income Chart below, your children will receive free milk. A foster child may receive free milk regardless of your income.

TO RECEIVE FREE MILK FOR YOUR CHILDREN, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL. WE CANNOT APPROVE AN APPLICATION THAT IS NOT COMPLETE.

HOW TO APPLY

If you now receive SNAP (food stamps*) or FIP* for the children you are applying for, the application must have the children's names, a food stamp or FIP case number of each child, and the signature of an adult household member. If you are applying for a foster child, the application must have the child's name, the child's "personal use" income, and an adult signature. If you do not list a food stamp or FIP case number for all the children you are applying for, then the application must have the children's names, the names of all household members, the amount of income each person received last month and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member and that adult's social security number or the word "none" if the adult does not have a social security number.

INCOME CHART 7/1/2009 -- 6/30/2010

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	14,079.....	1,174.....	271
2.....	18,941.....	1,579.....	365
3.....	23,803.....	1,984.....	458
4.....	28,665.....	2,389.....	552
5.....	33,527.....	2,794.....	645
6.....	38,389.....	3,200.....	739
7.....	43,251.....	3,605.....	832
8.....	48,113.....	4,010.....	926
For each add'l member add.....	+4,862.....	+406.....	+94

Verification: Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send papers showing that your children should receive free milk.

Fair Hearing: You may talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification. You also may ask for a fair hearing. You may do this by calling or writing:

Name Maria Parrillo, Purchasing Manager Phone 360-1306

Address South Kingstown School Department 307 Curtis Corner Rd. Wakefield, RI 02879

Confidentiality: School officials use the information on the application only to decide if your children should get free milk.

Reapplication: You may apply for free milk anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get food stamps or FIP for your children, complete an application then.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to *USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20250-9410* or call 800-795-3272 or 202-720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

In addition, Rhode Island does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or religion. To file a complaint of discrimination in the food program on the basis of sexual orientation or religion, contact: RI Department of Education, Office of Equity and Access, 255 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903 or call (401) 222-4600.

We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,

Ruth E. Gallucci

*A free milk application is not required if the letter issued by the Department of Human Services (FIP or SNAP, formerly Food Stamps) is returned by you to the school.