

Federal Eligibility Application (FEA) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- **Can a pencil or blue ink be used to complete the Federal Eligibility Application?**
 - NO, the Federal Eligibility Application (FEA) must be completed in **BLACK INK ONLY.**

- **Should I complete one application for each student?**
 - NO, all students attending Atlanta Public Schools both traditional and charter living in the same household should be listed on one application in Part-2 of the application. You only need to complete one application for your entire household.

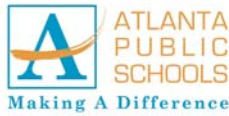
- **Can my child eat at the same meal status this school year?**
 - Each child that attended Atlanta Public Schools during last school year will eat at the same meal status as last year for the first 30 days of this school year (**8-23-2011 for Year Round Schools and 9-19-2011 for Traditional Schools**). You must complete one Federal Eligibility Application for your entire household within the first 30 days.

- **What number should I use if I receive SNAP/TANF?**
 - You must use your valid SNAP/TANF#. This number is the AU# located on your benefits letter from the Georgia Department of Human Resources/DFCS. **DO NOT use your 16-digit debit (EBT) card#, Client #, Caseload#, or your Medicaid#.**

- **Do I have to provide income if I do not receive SNAP/TANF?**
 - Yes, if you do not receive SNAP/TANF you must provide the monthly income for every working adult that lives in your household.

- **Do I have to provide my Social Security Number?**
 - You **MUST** provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number in Part-4 of the application, if you provided any household monthly income in Part-2 or 3. If you receive SNAP/TANF or you are a foster parent you are **NOT** required to provide your Social Security Number.

- **If I have a foster child in my household how do I complete the application?**
 - You may list all students both foster and non-foster that reside in your household on one application.
 - Part-2
 - You must check the Foster Child box in the same row that the foster child's name is listed.
 - You must provide the Foster Child's monthly allowance/personal use income that is given by the Foster Parent to the Foster Child (a dollar amount must be listed).
 - If there is no monthly allowance/personal use income check the No Income box in the same row that the foster child's name is listed.
 - **SKIP TO PART-4**
 - Part-4
 - Sign and date the application
 - You **DO NOT** have to provide your Social Security Number.



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- **Must I complete an application if I do not want to apply for free and reduced meals?**
 - Check the “I do not wish to apply for free and reduced meals” box located at the very top of the Federal Eligibility Application. You **DO NOT** have to complete the entire application if you do not wish to apply for free and reduced meals.

- **Who can get free or reduced priced meals?**
 - School age children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (*formerly the Food Stamp Program*) or TANF will qualify for free meals. You must include SNAP or TANF (AU#) number on the application. Your SNAP or TANF (AU#) number can be found on your DFCS Benefits Letter. **Please note that a 16 digit card number is not acceptable.** Also, most Foster Children and households where income is within the limits on the Income Eligibility Chart may qualify for free and reduced priced meals.

- **Will the information I provide be checked?**
 - Yes, we may ask you to send written proof of the information that you provided.

- **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.

- **If I do not qualify now, may I apply again later?**
 - Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year if there are changes in your household size, income, or if you begin receiving SNAP or TANF. You **must** complete a new application.

- **What if I disagree with the school’s decision about my application?**
 - You should talk to school officials.

- **What if my income is not always the same?**
 - List the amount that you normally receive.