



# Radnor Township School District

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## Food Service Department

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### Free and Reduced-Price School Meals

Families can apply for free or reduced price school meals through the National School Lunch Program online using the Internet.

This can be done using COMPASS, which allows Pennsylvanians to apply online for social service programs, such as Food Stamps (FS), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Energy Assistance, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), etc.

Families may use COMPASS to apply for just free or reduced price school meals, or they can apply for other services at the same time (FS, TANF, etc.).

Since your child attends Radnor Township School District, you can apply for free or reduced price school meals online by going to the COMPASS Web site at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us), or you can continue to use the paper "Household Meal Benefit Application" if you prefer.



Once you access COMPASS, select **Apply for Benefits**. Parents will select the programs they wish to apply for and be directed through a series of questions regarding those programs. Please enter Delaware County, the county of the school when you apply. This may not necessarily be your home county. Then select the school your child attends.

Once the questions have been completed, the COMPASS system will direct your information to each appropriate program office and the school you selected will receive the Household Meal Benefit Application. The school will notify you if you are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

If you apply for free or reduced price school meals through COMPASS, you **do not** need to submit a paper application.

**Paper applications are still accepted. If you apply on COMPASS, however, you do not need to submit a paper application to the school district.**