

**GPISD – Early Head Start  
Child and Adult Care Food Program  
Program Year 2002-2003**

The **Galena Park Independent School District – Early Head Start Program** today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals served under the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The Galena Park ISD - Early Head Start Program has a copy of the policy, which anyone may review.

“The following household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility:

Texas Department  
Of Human Services

**INCOME STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING  
FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE ELIGIBILITY**

**July 1, 2002-June 30, 2003**

FAMILY SIZE	FREE MEALS OR FREE MILK FOR FAMILY INCOME UNDER:		REDUCED PRICE MEALS FOR FAMILY INCOME OF:	
	ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME	ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME
1	\$ 11,518	\$ 960	\$ 16,391	\$ 1,366
2	15,522	1,294	22,089	1,841
3	19,526	1,628	27,787	2,316
4	23,530	1,961	33,485	2,791
5	27,534	2,295	39,183	3,266
6	31,538	2,629	44,881	3,741
7	35,542	2,962	50,579	4,215
8	39,546	3,296	56,277	4,690
For each Additional family member, add:	\$ 4,004	\$ 334	\$ 5,698	\$ 475

“Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. “Application forms and a letter to parents or guardians are being sent to all homes. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the contractor. Additional copies are available at the contractor’s office. The information provided on the application will be used to determine eligibility; it may be verified any time during the contract year by the contractor or other program officials.

“Households must provide the following information on the application: all household member’s names; the Social Security number of the head of the household (or other responsible adult); and all household members’ incomes by source; OR the household’s food stamp or AFDC case number, appropriate; and the signature of an adult household member-certifying that the information is correct.

“Applications may be submitted any time during the year.

“According to the free and reduced-price policy, **Belinda St. John** will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may discuss the decision with **Mrs. St. John**. Parents may request a formal appeal whether orally or in writing by contacting: **Carmen Brown, Early Head Start Program Director, 1908 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Galena Park, Tx 77547 (713) 670-7151.**

“Households must report increases of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year in household income, and decreases in household size. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the contractor. These changes may qualify children for reduced price meals or for free meals if the household’s income falls to or below the levels shown above. AFDC/Food Stamp households must report termination of benefits.

“Some foster children are also eligible for free or reduced-price meals. A household with foster children should contact the contractor for more information.”

“The information that households provide is confidential and will be used only to determine eligibility and verifying data.

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“In the child nutrition program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion, political belief, or disability. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.”

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