



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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Oak Park School District 97 Important Fee Information 2023-2024

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Please Read Carefully:

All families with students attending Oak Park School District 97 are required to pay the appropriate school fees for their children. The fees for Elementary (grades K-2) are \$160.00, Elementary (grades 3-5) \$180.00 and Middle School (6-8) is \$225.00. Please be advised that Medicaid and TANF cards **DO NOT** automatically qualify a student for free fees or lunch.

If you are a new family or if your family is in financial need:

You may be eligible for the Federal free or reduced meals program as well as waived schools' fees; however, you must **immediately** submit the attached application. Send your application ([English/Español](#)) directly to your child's school. Until you receive notice via letter from the District Office stating otherwise (10-day turnaround time), ***you are responsible for your child's meal payment and school fees.***

If you are a returning family with a free or reduced application granted in 2022-2023 and have not received a Direct Certification letter from District 97 for school year 2023-2024:

You must submit a **NEW**, updated application immediately which must be re-approved by September 27, 2023 to continue your application coverage. You will only receive an approval letter from the District Office, which will be emailed to the email address the District Office has on file.

If an updated free or reduced application is NOT received and approved by September 30, 2023, your status will revert to full fees and meals on October 1, 2023.

Please fill out application completely, any applications received incomplete will be rejected.

Therefore, you are encouraged to submit a new free or reduced application prior to September 30, 2023 as there is a 10-day turnaround period from receipt of application.

Sincerely,

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