

School Meals – Translated Applications

The linked page features foreign language translations of the Prototype Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals. They are provided by USDA as a template to assist State and local agencies in serving households where English is not spoken as a primary language. Households may also download these resources directly to be filled out and submitted to their local school district.

In addition to the application form, each translated packet also includes application instructions, a parent letter/FAQ. We also provide a packet of communications documents to be used by State and local agencies for information sharing requests, income verification, and benefit issuance notices to households. State and local agencies responsible for administering the school meal programs may use these materials in their current form, or may adapt them as needed.

Additionally, an "**I Speak**" resource document is available to help identify the primary language of non-English speakers. It uses a short phrase in each of the 49 languages that an applicant can check to indicate the language they speak. "I Speak" can help Local Educational Agencies select the appropriate translation as well as ensure consistent and effective interaction with applicants who have limited English proficiency.