

## MISSISSINAWA VALLEY SCHOOLS 2022-23

### *FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION HELPFUL TIPS*

Go to <https://www.mississinawa.k12.oh.us/>, click on “District Life” then “Food Services”

Click on PaySchools Central <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>

\* Note: You will find 2 other links listed below the PaySchools Central link that will help you. One is how to register with PaySchools Central (if you are not already). The other link is to help with filling out the application online.

The online application is available in English and Spanish. Please complete the application BEFORE school starts (can be completed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at your convenience).

After registering to use PaySchools Central online, you will “add” your students. For this, you will need the Student ID #'s. These also serve as their Lunch Acct #. JH/HS students' ID #'s are listed on their schedules they receive by mail. Elementary students' ID numbers will be included in the Back to School Packets they also receive by mail.

You will need your income information to enter into the application.

PaySchools Central allows you to add money to your child(ren)'s accounts, check their account balance as well as accessing the Free and Reduced Meal Application. You can also set a balance alert that will add money to the account when it gets low by using the credit/debit card you have on file with PaySchools Central.

Once the application is complete, PaySchools will immediately let you know if your child(ren) have qualified for free or reduced-priced meals. If they have qualified for reduced-price meals, the meal cost for breakfast will be \$.30 and lunch will be \$.40. If they would like to purchase a-la-carte items or healthy snacks, they may do so by adding money to their lunch account.

Only ONE application is needed per family.

If you receive SNAP or TANF benefits, the cafeteria manager runs a Direct Certification report to verify those families. If your child(ren) are receiving benefits, they will be approved for free meals through this process and you will NOT need to fill out the Free and Reduced Meal Application.

If you have moved from out-of-state to Ohio and applied for SNAP benefits, please provide the Cafeteria Manager with your 7-digit case #.