

Media Release for Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Special Assistance Provision 2—2023-2024

Ross County Christian Academy today announced a change to its policy for serving meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program for the 2023–2024 school year. This new change will allow all children at all schools/sites to be served meals at no charge.

The ability of Ross County Christian Academy to offer this special alternative, called Provision 2, rests upon the success of the school in receiving a completed application for free and reduced-price meals for the National School Lunch Program from each household in the school.

Applications will be furnished by Ross County Christian Academy and can be obtained at Ross County Christian Academy, 2215 Egypt Pike, Chillicothe, OH 45601. Call Rachel Pinson at 740-772-4532 to ask questions. Completed applications should be returned to the following location:

Ross County Christian Academy

Attention: Rachel Pinson, Nutrition Coordinator

2215 Egypt Pike

Chillicothe, OH 45601 740-772-4532

rachel.pinson@rccacademy.org

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U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. **fax:**

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3. **email:** Program.Intake@usda.gov