

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This form will provide information needed by the Maine Department of Education to determine Hope Elementary School 's eligibility status for **State Economically Disadvantaged funds** available under the Essential Programs & Services Funding Act. Data in this form is **not for school lunch purposes**, only to determine economic disadvantaged status for allocation of **State education funds***.

If you have any questions, please call Danielle Fagonde at 785-4081. The due date to return this form to your school administrator is **September 12, 2023**. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Danielle S. Fagonde, Principal

Please use the table below as guidance to determine your student's economic status. If household income is less than the Annual or Monthly earnings for your household size in the chart below, then your student meets the economic disadvantaged status criteria. Household size includes adults and children.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES											
Effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024											
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES	REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185 %					FREE MEALS - 130 %				
	ANNUAL	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND TERRITORIES											
1	14,580	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519	18,954	1,580	790	729	365
2	19,720	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702	25,636	2,137	1,069	986	493
3	24,860	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885	32,318	2,694	1,347	1,243	622
4	30,000	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068	39,000	3,250	1,625	1,500	750
5	35,140	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251	45,682	3,807	1,904	1,757	879
6	40,280	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434	52,364	4,364	2,182	2,014	1,007
7	45,420	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616	59,046	4,921	2,461	2,271	1,136
8	50,560	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799	65,728	5,478	2,739	2,528	1,264
For each add'l family member, add	5,140	9,509	793	397	366	183	6,682	557	279	257	129

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/income-eligibility-guidelines>

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Name of School	Student's Current Grade	Student Meets Free Category Guidelines	Student Meets Reduced Category Guidelines

Please duplicate this form for additional children. Return this form to your child's school by September 12, 2023

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

* Economically disadvantaged status is defined as students who are included in the department's count of students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk or both. [20-A MRSA §15672\(3\)](#).