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# School Meals at No Charge for All Children

Effective immediately, Botetourt County will be serving meals at no charge to children 18 and under. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved waivers for local school divisions and other federal meal program sponsors to implement the Summer Food Service Program to provide meals to children in the community free of charge through December 31, 2020. The waivers support access to nutritious meals while minimizing exposure to COVID-19.

Meals are available to all children including those learning in-person or virtually and regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

For information regarding meal distribution visit: <https://www.bcps.k12.va.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=76851&pageId=1411588> or follow us on social media at : <https://www.facebook.com/Botetourt-County-Public-Schools-Nutrition-470253366807444/>.

Meals will be provided via an online weekly sign-up sheet available on the above website and on a first come, first served basis at the following times and locations (*\*time subject to change; see site for up-to-date information*):

MEAL PICK-UP TIMES BY SCHOOL (MON-FRI)		
*Use the information below to pick up meals at each school		
PICK-UP SCHOOL NAME	PICK-UP STARTS	PICK-UP ENDS
BRECKINRIDGE ELEMENTARY	12:30 PM	1:30 PM
BUCHANAN ELEMENTARY	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
CLOVERDALE ELEMENTARY	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
COLONIAL ELEMENTARY	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
EAGLE ROCK ELEMENTARY	11:30 AM	12:30 PM
GREENFIELD ELEMENTARY	9:15 AM	10:15 AM
TROUTVILLE ELEMENTARY	10:15 AM	11:15 AM
CENTRAL ACADEMY MIDDLE	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
READ MOUNTAIN MIDDLE	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
JAMES RIVER HIGH	12:00 PM	12:30 PM
LORD BOTETOURT HIGH	10:00 AM	11:00 AM

Although applications are **not** required for school meals being provided free to all children as mentioned above. A new meal application must be completed each school year, if you have not already been notified that your student is approved for free/reduced meals. School funding depends on completed meal applications for families who wish to take advantage of free/reduced eligibility in a normal school year. It is important to submit a completed meal application as soon as possible, to prevent delays through anticipated transition back to a typical meal service model.

- Only one meal application is needed for each household and online applications are available online at: <https://www.bcps.k12.va.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=76851&pageId=1411495>

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil  
Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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