

SYRACUSE-DUNBAR-AVOCA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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School Meals at No Charge for All Students

Effective for School Year 2021-22, Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca Public Schools will serve meals at no charge to enrolled students. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved use of the Seamless Summer Option (SSO), which allows local school districts to provide no-cost meals to all enrolled students for the duration of the 2021-22 school year.

If you believe your family qualifies for Free or Reduced-price school meals, please complete a school year 2021-22 meal application. This information may be valuable for P-EBT and carryover of meal benefits for school year 2022-23. Applications are available at our District, Elementary, Middle School or High School offices and online at www.sdarockets.org. A complete application is not required for enrolled students to receive meals at no-cost for SY2021-22.

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Office of the Assistant
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- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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