ATLANTIS CHARTER SCHOOL NOTICE OF NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

Children need healthy meals to learn. Atlantis Charter School (ACS) offers healthy meals every school Day.

ACS announces its policy for providing free and reduced price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the **National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs.**

Each school and the Office of the Food Service Coordinator, has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

Application forms are sent to all households; with additional copies available at the Main Office at each school. Applications may be submitted to the school at any time during the school year. The information provided on the application by a household is confidential and will be used to determine eligibility for school meal benefits and verify data. Applications must contain complete documentation of eligibility information requested, including (1) names of all household members, (2) social security number of the adult household member who signs the application, (3) amount and source of income received by each household member, and (4) the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct. There are several ways in which children can be eligible for school meal benefits.

All children in households receiving benefits from **MA SNAP** or **MA TANF** eligible for school meal benefits. Several times through the school year ACS will upload into SNAP a roster of students to get a listing of names of children who are automatically eligible for meal benefits and no further action is needed. Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.

Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on the chart below:

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2015-2016			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$21,775	\$1,815	\$ 419
2	\$29,471	\$2,456	\$ 567
3	\$37,167	\$3,098	\$ 715
4	\$44,863	\$3,739	\$ 863
5	\$52,559	\$4,380	\$1,011
6	\$60,255	\$5,022	\$1,159
7	\$67,951	\$5,663	\$1,307
8	\$75,647	\$6,304	\$1,455
Each additional person:	\$+7,696	\$ +642	\$ +148

Meal benefit applications may be checked for accuracy. School officials may ask for documentation verifying the information provided on the application.

Brenda Reback, Coordinator of Food Services will review applications and determine eligibility.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the eligibility official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to <u>Robert L. Beatty Executive Director 508-672-2181</u>.

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