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Richmond R-XVI School District announced its revised the policy for school children unable to pay the full price of milk under the Special Milk Program.

Local education officials have adopted the following family-size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Household Size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Milk		
	<u>Annually</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
1	\$15,444	\$1,287	\$297
2	20,826	1,736	401
3	26,208	2,184	504
4	31,590	2,633	608
5	36,972	3,081	711
6	42,354	3,530	815
7	47,749	3,980	919
8	53,157	4,430	1,023
Each add'l member	+ 5,408	+ 451	+ 104

Children from families whose current income is at or below those shown are eligible for free milk. Applications are available at the school office. To apply, fill out a Free Milk Family Application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. A complete application is required as a condition of eligibility. A complete application includes: (1) household income from all sources or Food Stamp/Temporary Assistance case number, (2) names of all household members, and (3) the signature and last four digits of social security number of adult household member signing the application. School officials may verify current income at any time during the school year.

Foster children may be eligible regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for these benefits.

Under the provisions of the policy, the Richmond School District will review the applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the hearing official on an informal basis or he may make a request either orally or in writing to the Richmond School District.

Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the central office where any interested party may review it.