

August 10, 2020

Dear BWMCA Student, Parent or Guardian:

Students who qualify for free or reduced price meals under Federal Income Guidelines may also qualify for savings and supplemental support while enrolled in the Blue Water Middle College Academy (BWMCA).

The BWMCA does not participate in the U. S. Department of Agriculture school nutrition program, but the same guidelines are used to determine eligibility for other economic or academic supports. For example, students that qualify for free or reduced cost lunch may have university application fees waived. Qualifying students may also have the cost of retaking the SAT exam waived.

Additionally, the BWMCA may be able to implement new support programs or services with funding provided by the state or Federal governments based on the number of students qualifying for free or reduced cost lunch. In order for our district/academy to receive additional funding, families of students who are not directly certified from the State of Michigan and who meet the income criteria must complete and return an application (See below). **Extra food benefits for family due to Covid-19 also require students to submit the application (see link below).**

The chart below lists the guidelines for the 2020 - 2021 school year. If your household annual income falls at or below the amounts listed based on your household size, your son or daughter will qualify for possible benefits.

FEDERAL INCOME ELIGIBILITY CHART for School Year 2020 -2021

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
1	\$16,588	\$1,383	\$23,606	\$1,968
2	\$22,412	\$1,868	\$31,894	\$2,658
3	\$28,236	\$2,353	\$40,182	\$3,349
4	\$34,060	\$2,839	\$48,470	\$4,040
5	\$39,884	\$3,324	\$56,758	\$4,730
6	\$45,708	\$3,809	\$65,046	\$5,421
7	\$51,532	\$4,295	\$73,334	\$6,112
8	\$57,356	\$4,780	\$81,622	\$6,802

More information about opportunities for students who face challenges due to their economic status can be found at: http://bluwatermiddlecollege.org/current_students/economically_at_risk_information. The *Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals* can be downloaded from this page or is available in the middle college office.

If you have questions about any of this, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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