

Union Street Charter

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Dear Families,

We are pleased to inform you that the Arcata School District will be eligible for the State Universal Meals Program and the Federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) while participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for School Year 2025-2026.

What does this mean for you and your children enrolled in Union Street Charter?

Great news! **All** students enrolled at **Union Street Charter School** are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school for **no charge** throughout the 2025-2026 school year. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application.

However, we need you to complete an important Universal Benefits Application (available on our website). Please return the completed application to the school office.

State funding for California public schools is based on information collected on the Universal Benefits Application. It is very important that all our households complete this form so that Union Street Charter can receive the maximum level of funding for our students' education.

Additionally, this income data may be used to give you access to free after school program benefits and Sun Bucks EBT benefits.

Completing and returning the form will ensure the continuance of funding & increased services for our students - including intervention teachers, classroom aides, special programs, technology, extracurricular activities and more!

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact the office at 707-822-4845.

Sincerely,

Pam Killoran
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