

PARENT & GUARDIANS:

Welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year! This school year, Artesia Public Schools will be serving free breakfast and lunch, under State of New Mexico SB-4 that was passed earlier this year.

Please be aware Artesia Public Schools must follow USDA policies and procedures. **Free and reduced lunch meal applications must be filled out by every household.** Regardless of income status all students will still receive free breakfast and lunch.

Lunch applications also benefit our district in the following categories:

- *School Funding:* Maintains funding for student programs and services, such as Title I funding, which includes before and after school tutoring services, and Internet services grant, etc.
- *Food Assistance:* During the pandemic qualified households received PEBT benefits.
- *ACT/SAT Tests:* Reduced registration fee for the ACT and SAT test.
College Application Fees: Waived or discounted rate or on fees associated with applying for college (at select schools.)



Application may also be submitted via www.bulldogs.org click on

Please note that you need to complete only ONE application per household. Be sure to include all household members on the application. All students enrolled in Artesia Public Schools should be included under step 1 and all other household members under step 3. USE ONLY BLACK INK. Print neatly within boxes. Please use capital letters.

Your student may be claimed by only one household each year. The student should be claimed on the application of the household where they reside most often. In a situation where a student has two families (Mother and Father are divorced, etc.) the student may still only be claimed by one household. We would ask that you discuss the matter and determine which parent will claim his/her student on the application.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Sedillos @ 575-746-3585 ext. 1010