

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16

Beacon Falls and Prospect
207 New Haven Road
Prospect, CT 06712

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Region No. 16 Schools offers a choice of milk each school day. Children may buy milk for \$.40. Children who qualify under U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines may get milk free. Please call the school for further information. The phone number is 203-758-6671.

- 1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Complete the application to apply for free milk. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Milk Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Regional School District No. 16 Child Nutrition Program, 207 New Haven Rd, Prospect, CT 06712. Phone: 203-758-6671.
- 2. Who can get free milk?** All children in households receiving benefits from the Special Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Family Assistance (TFA), and most foster children can get free milk regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free milk if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines. Households with children enrolled in the Head Start/Even Start Program should contact the school for assistance in receiving benefits. **Note:** Subsidized adoptions and subsidized guardianships are not automatically eligible for free milk. These require the calculation of all household income plus the adoption/guardianship subsidy.
- 3. Can homeless and runaway children get free milk?** If you have not been told your children will get free milk, please call or e-mail the **homeless liaison** to see if they qualify. Their phone number and email are: 203-758-6671 and schoolmeals@region16ct.org.
- 4. Should I fill out an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free meals/milk?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 203-758-6671 if you have questions.
- 5. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out another one?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- 6. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free milk?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free milk. Please fill out an application.
- 7. Will the information I give be checked?** Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
- 8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year.
- 9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: MR. JAMES AGOSTINE, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 207 NEW HAVEN RD, PROSPECT, CT. 06712 PHONE: 203-758-6671.
- 10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free milk.
- 11. Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children living with you.
- 12. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes.
- 13. We are in the military. Do we include our housing allowance as income?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
- 14. My spouse is deployed to a combat zone. Is her combat pay counted as income?** No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
- 15. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?** Your child and family *may* be eligible for SNAP benefits if your child is determined to be eligible for free milk. For information regarding the SNAP and to contact the Department of Social Services office in your town, contact United Way's free referral number **2-1-1** (free call, statewide).
- 16. Will information on my application be kept confidential?** We will use the information on your application to decide if your child should get free milk. We may inform officials connected with Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress whether your child is eligible for free milk. They will use this information for funding and/or evaluation purposes. Information may also be disclosed if you want the application to be used to get other benefits. We will let you know if you are approved or denied.

Sincerely,
James C. Agostine, Superintendent of Schools