

Why do most Granite Falls students get free breakfast and free lunch but the High School doesn't?

1. HB 1238: Beginning with the 2024-25 SY elementary schools, where 30% or more of enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, are required to provide meals at no cost to all students. Therefore, **both Mountain Way and Monte Cristo Elementary students will get free breakfast and free lunch for the 2024-2025 SY.** **It is crucial that Free & Reduced Meal Applications get filled out by ALL parents and returned as soon as possible.*

2. New this year ~ the **Middle School students will be grouped with Crossroads and Open-Door Academy and all those students will get free breakfast and free lunch for the 2024-25 SY** due to the CEP program. **CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) allows schools, with high number of low-income children, to serve free breakfast and free lunch.*

3. The High School does **not** meet the HB1238 nor the CEP requirements and for that reason, the High School will continue on with the Free/Reduce/Full-Price model for the 2024-2025 SY. In order for families to be approved for free or reduced-price meal, a Free & Reduced-Price application must be submitted.

Breakfast price: \$2.25. Lunch price: \$3.75

HB 1238 = House Bill 1238. HB 1238 requires local education agencies to provide meals at no cost to students enrolled at elementary schools where at least 30% of students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

CEP = Community Eligibility Provision: CEP allows eligible schools to serve free breakfast and free lunch to all students regardless of income.