## **School Meal Application and Information**

A post card with the below information will be sent to each household.

A NEW application must be completed each school year.

The SY 19-20 Application will be ready on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Does your household qualify for free or reduced meals? It is easy to apply this year. **Visit www.pascoschoolmeals.com** to apply online. If you do not have internet access, you can pick up a paper application at your child's school or have one mailed to you by calling 813-794-2281.

## What you need to apply...

Your SNAP/TANF Case Number (if applicable) or monthly income amount and frequency for <u>all</u> people living in the household. Income includes: Earnings from work, Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony, Pension, Retirement, or any other form of income received, excluding food stamp/SNAP benefits.

Applications may take up to 10 business days to process. Please make sure to provide your student with money or a meal from home until you receive notification of eligibility. You can check the status after 10 days by emailing fns@pasco.k12.fl.us or calling 813-794-2281.

**Meal Charge Policy** Per School Board Policy, it is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to provide lunch for their children while at school. In the event that a child neither has a lunch or the funds to purchase a lunch:

- Elementary students may charge up to five (5) lunches (\$12.50)
- Middle school students may charge up to two (2) lunches (\$6.00)
- High school students may charge one (1) lunch (\$3.25)

Charge limits reset as soon as the past due balance is paid.

A la carte items may never be charged.

When a student exceeds their charge limit, they will be given an alternate meal consisting of a ham &cheese sandwich, fruit, milk, and vegetable.