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ESCONDIDO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFERS FREE MEALS TO ALL STUDENTS

Escondido, CA - Escondido Union High School District schools will be offering free breakfast and lunch to all students for the 2021-2022 school year, regardless of household income, through the USDA's National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO). The program is typically only available during the summer months. No applications are necessary, and no action is required on the part of families.

"After seeing a 136% increase in the number of meals we provided to students in our community in the 2020-2021 school year, we are so happy to be able to provide no cost breakfast and lunch to all our students now that they've returned to campus full time," said the district's Director of Food Services, Alicia Pitrone.

Del Lago Academy, Escondido, Orange Glen, San Pasqual, and Valley High Schools are all participating. Breakfast and lunch meals follow the U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for healthy school meals with a strong emphasis on providing fruits and vegetables, fluid milk, and whole grains.

If a student is a distance learner or absent for an extended period, meal kits are available for pick-up. Families can contact the Student Nutrition Services office at 760-291-3267 for more information.

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