

COMPASS
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Access to Social Services

Now families can apply for free or reduced price school meals through the National School Lunch Program online using the Internet! This can be done using COMPASS. COMPASS allows Pennsylvanian's to apply for social service programs, such as Food Stamps (FS), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Energy Assistance, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), etc., online. Families can use COMPASS to apply for free or reduced price school meals only, or they can apply for other services at the same time (FS, TANF, etc.).

Since your child attends ***Penn Cambria School District***, you can apply for free or reduced price school meals online by going to the COMPASS website at www.compass.state.pa.us, or you can continue to use the paper "Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application" if you prefer.

Once you access COMPASS, select **Apply for Benefits**. Parents will select the programs they wish to apply for and be directed through a series of questions regarding those programs. Please enter ***Cambria***, the county of the school when you apply. This may not necessarily be your home county. Select **Penn Cambria** as the school your child attends.

Once the questions have been completed, the COMPASS system will direct your information to each appropriate program office and the school you selected will receive the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application. The school will notify you if you are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

If you apply for free or reduced price school meals through COMPASS, you **do not** need to submit a paper application.