



## **Food Service & Meal Program Information**

Ann Jerkins Harris Academy of Excellence (AJHAE) participates in federally assisted child nutrition programs and is committed to ensuring students have access to healthy meals that support student wellness, learning, and academic success.

The school may participate in programs including:

- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- After School Snack Program
- Other federally supported nutrition programs when applicable

## **Free & Reduced-Price Meal Benefits**

Students may qualify for free or reduced-price meal benefits based on household size and income eligibility guidelines established by federal requirements.

Applications for meal benefits are available through the school office and may be submitted at any time during the school year.

Families are encouraged to contact the school if:

- Household income changes;
- Household size changes;
- A student becomes eligible for foster care placement;
- Financial hardship occurs during the school year.

## **Confidentiality**

Information submitted as part of meal benefit applications is kept confidential and used only for purposes permitted by law.

The school may verify application information in accordance with federal program requirements.

## **Equal Access & Nondiscrimination**

AJHAE is committed to providing equal access to meal programs and nutrition services without discrimination.

The school complies with applicable federal civil rights requirements and USDA nondiscrimination regulations.

Individuals with disabilities who require accommodations or assistance related to meal program access may contact the school for support.

### **Wellness & Student Nutrition**

AJHAE supports student wellness by encouraging healthy eating habits and providing meal services that meet applicable nutritional guidelines and federal standards.