Notice Regarding the School Lunch Substitute Expense Benefit

Following the introduction of free school lunches at Hekinan City municipal elementary schools in April 2026, a new program has been established to provide a benefit equivalent to school lunch expenses to parents or guardians of children who, due to unavoidable circumstances, do not receive school lunches on a regular basis. We would like to inform you about this program.

1. Eligibility

Parents or guardians of children enrolled in Hekinan City municipal elementary schools who do not receive any school lunches due to one of the following unavoidable circumstances:

①Food allergies

②Religious reasons

③Long-term absence (e.g., hospitalization or school non-attendance)

Please note: Children with outstanding school lunch fee payments or those receiving public assistance, such as benefits under the Public Assistance System, are not eligible for this benefit.

2. Benefit Amount

The benefit is calculated on a monthly basis for each month in which school lunches are suspended for the entire period from the first to the last scheduled school lunch day of that month.

¥5,200 per month (FY2026) × Number of months in which school lunches were suspended for the entire month.

3. Application Procedures

Please Complete the Following Procedures

To receive this benefit, you must submit the application and any required documents by the specified deadline. Failure to submit the required documents will result in ineligibility for the benefit.

For both (1) and (2), you may apply either electronically through the Aichi Electronic Application and Notification System or by completing the designated forms and submitting them to your school or the School Lunch Center (paper application).

(1) When requesting that school lunches be suspended, please submit the “School Lunch Suspension Notification.”

Please submit a new notification when your child advances to a new grade.

(2) During the final month of each school term, please submit the “Hekinan City School Lunch Substitute Food Expense Benefit Application” and the “Hekinan City School Lunch Substitute Food Expense Benefit Claim.”

If school lunch services have already been suspended for the first and second terms of FY2026, you will be asked to submit both (1) and (2) between Tuesday, December 1 and Monday, December 28, 2026. However, if submitting paper application documents to the school, please do so by Wednesday, December 23, 2026.

For details regarding the application procedures, please visit the Hekinan City website by scanning the QR code on the right.

Frequently Asked Questions (Q&A)

Q: My child has stopped receiving milk, but is the child eligible for the benefit?
A: No. Eligibility requires that the child stop receiving all school lunches. Therefore, children who have only stopped receiving milk are not eligible.

Q: My child has selective eating and brings a packed lunch to school every day. Is the child eligible for the benefit?
A: No. Selective eating is not considered an unavoidable circumstance that prevents a child from eating school lunches. Therefore, the child is not eligible.

Q: If I have more than one child enrolled in school, how should I apply?
A: Please submit a separate application for each child.

Q: What should I do if I want my child to stop receiving school lunches?
A: Please submit the “School Lunch Suspension Notification” through the Aichi Electronic Application and Notification System, or to your child’s school or the School Lunch Center.
However, the suspension will take effect no earlier than seven days after the notification is submitted, excluding school holidays.

Q: What should I do if I want my child to resume receiving school lunches after they have been suspended?
A: Please submit the “School Lunch Resumption Notification” through the Aichi Electronic Application and Notification System, or to your child’s school or the School Lunch Center, at least seven days before the desired resumption date, excluding school holidays.

Q: How is the benefit calculated if school lunches are suspended partway through a month?
A: If school lunches are suspended partway through a month (between the first and last scheduled school lunch days of that month), the benefit will be provided starting from the following month.

Q: How is the benefit calculated if school lunches are resumed partway through a month?
A: If school lunches are resumed partway through a month (between the first and last scheduled school lunch days of that month), the benefit will be provided up to and including the preceding month.

Q: Is my child eligible if they attend an international school?
A: No. Children who do not actually attend a Hekinan City municipal elementary school are not eligible.

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