



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! Our schools offer nutritious meal and a la carte items for breakfast and lunch. Parents are invited to visit our cafeteria to eat with us at any time.

- Free and reduced meals available to those who qualify
- Full pay student pricing: Breakfast \$2.85; Lunch \$3.40 for K-8<sup>th</sup> grades, and \$3.55 for 9-12<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Adult meals: \$3.05 for breakfast and \$4.80 for lunch
- Milk: 50 cents for a half pint
- Additional a la carte items priced individually

Students enrolled in the District are assigned a school meals account. They can charge food and drink to this account. It is your responsibility to track their purchases and account balance. Please manage their account on [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com). This free site lets you track cafeteria purchases, add funds, pay off the balance, and set up autopay and low balance notices. It is recommended to select autopay on [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com) and set it to add funds when the account reaches \$10. This way, the account will not go negative. To set up the account, use your child's 6 digit PowerSchool student ID number. Please call Kristen (970) 641-7714 for assistance.

- There are 3 ways to pay for your student's cafeteria purchases:
  1. Create a free account online [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com).
  2. Authorize the District to charge purchases to a credit card by filling out and returning the attached Credit Card Student Lunch Account Authorization form.
  3. Pre-pay with cash or check at your school's office.

If you do not want your child to charge purchases in the cafeteria, please contact me or the school cafeteria manager to block on the account. Once the account is blocked, purchases can only be made with cash. It is imperative that you tell your child not to purchase items beyond your authorization **or beyond what their eligibility allows them**. Remember, it is your responsibility to make an account on [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com) to track cafeteria purchases and make payments. The school district does not send home statements of balances and itemized purchases.

The District will send bi-weekly e-mails to accounts with low balances (less than \$10.50) and negative balances. The District cannot carry the financial burden of delinquent lunch accounts or spend the time and energy it takes to collect funds. Therefore, as a last resort, any parent who repeatedly refuses to take one of the above actions and continues to have a negative balance on their child's lunch account will be notified, sent to collections, and a block will be put on their child's lunch account.

K - 12<sup>th</sup> graders who qualify for reduced meals get free breakfast. K - 5<sup>th</sup> graders who qualify for reduced meals get free lunch. Reduced price lunch costs 40 cents for 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Please complete and return the attached application if you think you may qualify. Let us know if you need help completing the form. **Eligibility from the prior school year expires 30 days into the new school year. You must complete a new application annually before the end of September.** Free and reduced eligibility applies to one breakfast and one lunch per day. Additional items purchased will be charged to your account. A complete breakfast includes whole grain, fruit, and milk. A complete lunch includes whole grain, protein, a fruit and/or vegetable, and milk. If you have questions or need help, please call me.

Sincerely,  
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