

USDA No-Cost Meal Benefits Information

Information is current as of September 8, 2020

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is allowing Amherst Schools to offer onCampus students breakfast and lunch at no cost to families from September 23, 2020 through December 31, 2020, or until the USDA funds run out; whichever happens first. If we find out that the USDA funds have run out, we will let all of you know when students will have to go back to full-pay, reduced-price or free status.

Students will still have to pay full price for any a la carte items they want to buy.

Families who have a Free and Reduced-price Meal Application expiring October 6, 2020 must still complete a new one for the 2020-21 school year. You can complete that [HERE](#). We must have this on file in order to waive instructional fees for those that qualify for free meals.

Below lists what can students receive at no cost to families:

Breakfast (4-5 items):

1 Main Entrée (Bagel, Pancakes, Frudel, etc.; consists of grains, or grains + protein item)

2 fruits, but can take just 1

1 milk

Students must choose 3 items, one being fruit.

All students will use their PIN numbers for breakfast.

Lunch (5 components):

1 Main Entrée (Pizza, Chicken items, Burgers, etc.; consists of grains and protein items)

2 fruits, but can take just 1

2 veggie choices (but can take just 1; each potato item is considered 1 veggie choice)

1 milk

Students must choose 3 components, one being fruits &/or veggies.

Any money your student borrowed before September 23, 2020 still needs to be paid back. You will receive an email or a paper copy of how much your student owes.

If you have any questions regarding the Nutrition Services Department, please contact Deanne Pastva, Nutrition Services Supervisor at 440-988-1991 or deanne_pastva@amherstk12.org.