



Lodi School District Food Service Information School Year 21/22

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The following are important highlights of the food service program and should be **saved** for reference throughout the year, along with reviewing each school's student handbook, for more specific information. Food service information is also available on the district website.

USDA has extended waivers to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students during the 2021-22 school year. We encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity to have a well-balanced school meal for breakfast and lunch at no charge. Students can purchase ala carte items, extra entrees or milk using their family lunch account.

School Year 21/22 PRICES:

Student Lunch FREE **Reduced Lunch**Free

Student Breakfast.....FREE **Reduced** ...FREE

Adult: Lunch ...\$4.00 or **Breakfast**...\$2.50

Milk or Juice ... \$.40

Ala Carte.... priced individually per item

Family food service account & payments: All food service money is deposited into ONE family account for all students in grades K-12. Daily purchases are deducted from this account. Deposits may be mailed to food service (see address above) or completed online. After school begins the students can drop them in the deposit box located by each school office. Include the student's and family account name with your payment. Deposit a sufficient amount of monies to cover all food service costs: including ala carte, nutrition break, second meals, and milk purchases. The online payment option is **available** for deposits in the family food service account. Log in to the IC parent portal and click on the PAYMENT link on the left side. You will be required to register your payment information the first time it is utilized. The payment will be credited into the account **immediately** after the payment is completed. It is each household's responsibility to monitor the account balance. Balance information may be viewed online at the Infinite Campus parent portal and is displayed to the students on the checkout terminal. You may contact the food service department to block all ala carte purchases (except milk) per student. **The system is PRE PAY and NOT a CHARGING account.** Money must be turned in BEFORE 9 am daily! Money received after this time may NOT be credited to the account until the following business day. Contact food service directly with any account questions or if your family is experiencing financial hardship.

Infinite Campus (IC) account access and balance notifications: When the account balance falls below \$20.00 or is negative, you will be notified by the IC system that a payment is due. All adult members of a household will receive the messenger notification for account balance information. Each member may edit their contact preference within the IC parent portal. The account link will give real-time access to all student purchases. Selecting the account number in the index will access the food service section. All deposits and purchases for the selected month are displayed in a table. Below the table is the account balance at the end of the selected month. To print a copy of the transactions, select generate report which is located at the bottom right of the page and print the PDF that appears. For specific questions relating to parent portal access contact Kris Wendorf at 592-3851 ext 5483 or email wendokr@lodischoolswi.org

Student PIN: All students are issued a four digit Personal Identification Number (PIN) that is entered when making purchases. The PIN stays the same every year. Kindergartners and new students will receive their PIN from food service staff after their enrollment is completed.

Menu/Meal options/Nutrition Information: Monthly Breakfast and Lunch Menus are created for each school. Menus can be found through the link on the district website or viewed on our Food4Life App. The free app can be downloaded to your phone by searching for Food4Life. You will be able to choose the school where you or your students attend and have convenient access to the menus, allergens, and nutritional information. You can learn more about our commitment to healthy meals and our Food4Life Initiative on the Lodi lunch program website.

Grab N Go Breakfast/AM Nutrition break: A FREE grab n go breakfast will be offered to all students for the 21-22 school year. A choice of purchasing just a single milk will be available in the cafeteria. The \$0.40 cost will be deducted from the family account.. NO milk purchase will be allowed without a positive balance in the family account. Please encourage your child to participate in the breakfast program, as we all know, there is an important link between eating a good breakfast and improved learning.

Free/reduced lunch & breakfast program:

For the 21-22 school year, USDA has extended the waivers to allow all students free meals, however it is still necessary for families to fill out a Free and Reduced-Price Meal application for district reporting purposes. Please return completed applications to your school. It may be downloaded from the Districts web site, picked up from each school office, or you may request a mailed copy.

Negative Balance Procedure

It is established that the District's Food Service program utilizes a debit system. Money must be available in the family account before purchases will be allowed. Deposits may be sent to each school building, paid online with the IC parent portal or mailed to the attention of the food service department. Families may monitor and view their account balance and detailed statement within the IC parent portal or request a statement from the food service department. Students may view their account balance on the point of sale terminal during meal service. When the account balance starts to fall below \$20.00 the family will be notified by the IC system that a payment is required and will continue until a deposit has been received.

If a family account has a negative balance and no payment or response from the family has been received the student's name will be forwarded to the building secretaries. They will talk with the student and help them contact a parent who can choose to make a deposit or bring a meal from home. It is designed so as to avoid denying the student a meal while in the food service line. Absolutely no ala carte purchases shall be allowed once the account is negative.

District Wellness Policy

The Food Service program is linked closely to the District Wellness Policy. The policy, along with procedures, can be viewed on the district website and feature guidelines that help shape the wellness environment within the district. Highlights include: physical activity, wellness education, school meals, ala carte/vending/snack items, learning incentives & classroom activities. Please review the policy for additional information. Families are encouraged to join the wellness committee and may do so by contacting the school for more information.