



Free School Meals for All Students Has Ended

When the 2021-2022 school year ended, so did free meals for every student. While the federal government funded a program that allowed all students access to free meals during the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress recently declined to continue funding this program.

We understand this change may cause you to worry. However, there are important steps you can take **NOW** to be sure your student receives the meals they need this school year.

If your student qualifies for free or reduced meals, they can still receive them this fall, but you must take action to make it happen. If you don't receive a notice from us indicating that you have been directly certified for free or reduced meals, please complete the **2022-2023 online application**, which will be available on the district's website after July 1, 2022. Direct certified students do not need to apply. Paper applications are also available to print on the food service website or at your child's school.

If you do not qualify for free or reduced meals, you may begin depositing money into student accounts at any time to prepare for the cost of school lunches next year. Information on meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year are listed below;

| | Breakfast Meal Price | Lunch Meal Price |
|---------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Elementary | \$1.85 | \$3.40 |
| Middle School | \$1.85 | \$3.40 |
| High School | \$2.00 | \$3.90 |

If your student has a negative lunch account balance, we encourage you to pay it off as soon as possible and then begin depositing money into the account to prepare for the 2022-2023 school year.

Completing an application is the only way to be considered for free or reduced meals next school year. **Please take action now.**

For assistance, please contact our Food Service Department at 248-341-5671

Sincerely,

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