

Meals at No Cost for All Students During 2021-22 School Year

Students are eligible to receive one breakfast meal & one lunch meal each school day at no cost during the 2021-22 school year. Below are answers to frequently asked questions.

- Q: If I believe my family would qualify for free or reduced price meals during a typical school year, should I submit an application for this school year? Yes,** please submit a free or reduced price meal application during this time period to qualify for meal assistance once this current free USDA program ends and for possible waiver of school fees and P-EBT benefits. The fastest, most secure way to apply for these benefits is online through your Infinite Campus parent portal. If you need a paper application, please contact your school.
- Q: If my family previously qualified for free or reduced price meals should I reapply?** If you previously qualified for free meals during the 2019-20 or 2020-21 school years, you do not need to reapply if your income did not go down. If your income declined or your household size increased and you previously qualified for reduced price meals, you may reapply to see if you qualify for free meal benefits. If your income status has not changed and you have a kindergartener starting school this year, please call the Nutrition Services office to add that child to your family's application.
- Q: My child is learning online or is in pre-school and does not attend school in person, can we still receive the meals?** No, during the 2021-22 school year, online learners will not be given the option to pick up free meals.
- Q: I do not want my child to receive free meals. Can I pay for the meals?** No, any money received will be applied to your child's account for future purchases of a la carte items.
- Q: Can my child purchase a la carte items?** Yes. Charging is not permitted and change is not given. Excess funds are put on your child's account for future purchases. Only one snack item per day may be purchased for elementary aged students. Charging is not permitted for a la carte purchases.
- Q: My child only wants the entree or is packing their lunch and only wants milk. Can students take only parts of the free meal?** Your child can still select fruit, vegetables and milk at no cost to complement their packed lunch! All 3 servings must be selected in that case.
- Q: What makes up a meal?** A breakfast meal consists of an entree, fruit, juice and milk servings. A lunch meal consists of protein, grain, fruit, veggie and milk servings. A minimum number of items must be selected to receive the free meal, including a fruit or vegetable serving. Students may decline one item at breakfast and two items at lunch, but a fruit or vegetable must be one of the items selected.
- Q: Where can I find the menus?** Menus are posted online at [SchoolMeals.Nutrislice.com](https://www.schoolmeals.com) and more information is available on the [Nutrition Services page](#) on the District's website. You can also download the Nutrislice app and choose School Meals-OH as the district name. We share this service with multiple school districts. Scroll and favorite your home school for easier access in the future.