

CAFETERIA SERVICES

Texas Department of Agriculture School Nutrition Policy

The Texas Department of Agriculture School Nutrition Policy (TDA) prohibits parents from bringing outside lunch meals for students other than their own child. It also prohibits competition of any food product or sale during the school day. Each campus is allowed 3 exemption days for this rule. These days are selected by the campus administrator of that particular campus. For more information, visit www.squaremeals.org or contact the school.

What Is a Student Lunch?

To ensure that students select healthy meals from the choices offered, the program requires that students select an entrée and 1 or 2 side dishes offered daily (according to how many choices they have). A variety of milk is offered and free of charge with any school lunch. Pre-K through 5th grade must take milk with their lunch, but 6th grade up may make another selection. Students not selecting at least an entrée and a side will be charged the ala carte price for each selection.

All grades except Pre3 and PreK will have Offer versus Serve options. These students may have a serving of each menu item, but must have at least three (3) food items with one (1) being an entree. Burritos and hot-pockets are offered as entrees if listed on menus. Students must make the choice to accept or refuse any item.

Charging Policy

Students are only allowed to charge the cost of 3 lunches once their account is at a zero balance. At that time, they must either bring money or a lunch from home. There are no exceptions.

Lunch Accounts

Students access their lunch accounts with a student identification number. Once money is deposited to their lunch account, it cannot be taken out unless it is for a withdrawal or refund. Parents may set limits on student accounts by contacting the Cafeteria Manager for any restrictions.

Medical Restrictions

In order for a child not to take any items on the menu, they must have a licensed health care provider's statement requesting it. For example, if a child is allergic to a food item or milk, etc., the health care provider's statement will allow them to substitute another item. Nutritional information is available by request. Cafeteria managers are available for assistance with special dietary needs.

There is a link on our web site where you can check your child's account.