



# Moon Area School District

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is Skyward?

We are excited for your family to now be a part of the Moon Area School District. Skyward Family Access is a tool that will create a stronger relationship between parents and our school community. Family Access will keep you informed about your student's progress with real-time grades, attendance, discipline, health room visits, and transportation information.

Please log in to Skyward by using the link below.

Skyward login URL:

<https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisd.dll/WService=wsedumoonareapa/seplog01.w?dih=x>

*Fill out the username and password with the information you were given in a previous email and then click on "Sign In".*

#### 1. Student Information:

Under the "Student Info" button, verify that the information we have on file is correct. Click on "Request Change(s) to My Child's Information" at the top right of the screen, enter your changes and click "Save." Each student will have a section and a "Request for Changes..." link.

Your changes will be electronically submitted to the office for approval. Our Registrar may contact you if additional information is required to complete your request. Please note that you cannot change your residential address through Family Access. You MUST visit your student's school and show appropriate proof of residency.

- 2. Parent Account Information:** Click "My Account" in the upper right-hand corner of the home screen. Make necessary changes and click "Save." Again, this change request will need District approval. You may also change your password in "My Account."

#### Skylert Rapid Notification System:

Click on the "Skylert" button, which is located on the left-hand side of the home page. You may setup how you would like to receive broadcasts. Note: You may not opt-out or decline Emergency or Attendance broadcasts.

#### 3. Transportation:

Busing information is located under the "Student Info" button. Refer to the "Transportation Information" in the Message Center.

We look forward to introducing more Skyward features throughout the next year.

**For Skyward assistance, click on the Skyward link on [www.moonarea.net](http://www.moonarea.net) and submit a Request for Assistance form.**

## **What should my child(ren) do on the first day of school?**

Please have your child(ren) stop at the main office when they arrive for their first day of school. Our staff will welcome your child(ren) and assist with any questions to ensure their first day is a success.

## **Technology Fee & Device Distribution**

High School students have a \$50 technology fee, which can be paid through the Skyward Parent Portal. High school students who qualify for free/reduced meals will have their technology fee waived.

Students in grades K-8 do not have a required technology fee, however they can purchase optional device protection for \$30. If a family selects the device protection plan, they can pay this fee through the Skyward Parent Portal or by check payable to MASD.

## **What if I have a problem with my electronic device?**

Go to [www.moonarea.net](http://www.moonarea.net), click on Technology tab for commonly answered questions or issues. If you are unable to correct the problem, follow directions to submit a ticket.

## **Who should I contact if I have questions regarding my child's first day of school?**

**Please contact the Administrative Assistants at 412-264-9440 and select from one from the list below:**

Moon Area High School	Michelle Connolly	Extension 2000
Moon Area Middle School	Debbie Grguras	Extension 3000
J.A. Allard Elementary	Diana Schmidt	Extension 4000
Bon Meade Elementary	Christine Kernan	Extension 5000
J.H. Brooks Elementary	Debbie Ferrone	Extension 6000
Hyde Elementary School	Deena Skwartz	Extension 7000
McCormick Elementary	Breanna Woodling	Extension 9000

## **How do I know what the busing schedule will be for my child?**

Busing information can be found under the busing tab in your Skyward account within 72 hours upon approval.

Transportation information is located under the "Student Info" button. Refer to the "Transportation Information" in the Message Center. For more information, choose "Departments" then "Transportation" on our website.

## **Can I drop my child off at school?**

Students can be dropped off at school, please call the school directly for directions and appropriate drop off times.

## **What supplies will my child need to start school?**

<https://www.moonarea.net/quick-links/masd-supply-lists>

## **How do I apply for free/reduced meal benefits?**

Apply online at [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com) or fill out a paper application and return to Christie Leininger at Food Services, 8353 University Blvd, Moon Township PA 15108 or the application can be emailed to [cleininger@moonarea.net](mailto:cleininger@moonarea.net)

### **How much do reduced meals cost?**

If you qualify for reduced meals, there will be no charge for breakfast or lunch for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **What is included in a Free or Reduced lunch?**

An entrée, fruits, vegetables, and milk. A lunch may have all five groups. Vegetables, fruit, milk, grains, and meat. (meat alternative/ cheese) A lunch MUST HAVE three of the five groups with one being ½ cup fruit or vegetable.

Students may take 1 or 2 vegetables. Fries / potatoes are a vegetable. Limit 1 serving of fries / potatoes per lunch. Students may take 1 or 2 fruits. A juice is a fruit. Limit 1 juice per lunch.

### **What is not included in a Free or Reduced meal?**

“Extras” such as snacks or bottled water are not included in a meal. "Extras" are only able to be purchased when your cafeteria account is funded.

### **If I do not qualify for meal benefits what is the cost of a student lunch?**

Elementary Lunch \$2.85

Middle and High School Lunch \$3.00

### **How do I deposit funds to my child's cafeteria account?**

Any amount of money may be sent in for your child's cafeteria account by cash, money order or check made payable to MASD Food Service. Money may also be deposited online into your child's account by signing up for an account at [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com).

### **Free Breakfast for all students**

The Governor's initiative for all schools participating in the School Breakfast Program is to provide free breakfasts for all enrolled students during the 2023-2024 school year.

### **Right at School**

[Right at School](#) will offer after school care for MASD elementary students during the 2023-2024 school year.

Right at School provides an engaging and fun curriculum to continue developing skills like critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, leadership, and much more. In addition, Right at School will offer homework support for students who attend the after-school program.

## **How do I find out about Sports offered at Moon Area School District?**

If your child(ren) is interested in our athletic programs, please go to our website, [www.moonarea.net](http://www.moonarea.net), select Departments, then Athletics. You may also email our Athletic Director, Mr. Alan Alcalde at [moonareaathletics.com](mailto:moonareaathletics.com) or reach out to his assistant Michelle Dunn at extension 1143.

## **What if my address changes?**

If you change your address, please send an email to [registrar@moonarea.net](mailto:registrar@moonarea.net) your lease/mortgage statement and 2 additional documents as proof of residency. See our website at [www.moonarea.net](http://www.moonarea.net), under Department, registration for further details regarding acceptable documents. Busing information will be updated within 72 hours after your address change has been in our system.

## **What if I need to withdrawal my child from Moon Area School District?**

If you will be withdrawing your child, please contact the Registrar via email at [registrar@moonarea.net](mailto:registrar@moonarea.net) or your school directly to obtain a Student Withdrawal Form. Your child will be withdrawn once we receive a Records Request from your child's new school. Withdrawal forms can be found on our website at <https://www.moonarea.net/skyward/masd-student-withdrawal>

For more information about Moon Area School District, please visit our website at [www.moonarea.net](http://www.moonarea.net).

## **Student Handbooks**

The student handbooks are available on our website. Please take a moment to review the handbooks prior to the start of school. The student handbook is one of the documents you will need to sign off on before you can view your student's schedule or teacher assignment.

[Click to view the handbooks](#)