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Community Eligibility Program

All enrolled students of the Lowndes County Public Schools are eligible to receive a healthy, reimbursable breakfast and lunch at school at no charge. No further action is required of you. Your students will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

If a la carte items are selected, each student will be required to pay for additional items at the food prices approved by our district's board of education.

Our meals meet the new USDA Nutrition Standards, which require the following:

1. Fat free and 1% milk choices
2. More whole grains
3. Larger portions on fruit servings at breakfast and lunch
4. Larger portions on vegetable servings and specific vegetable types that must be served (dark green, red/orange, beans/peas, etc.)
5. Less portions of meat
6. Age appropriate calorie limits
7. Less sodium
8. Less saturated fat

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U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
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