

# School Nutrition Program News 2023-2024



For the 2023-2024 School Year, the School Breakfast and School Lunch Programs will return to the operating regulations followed prior to the Pandemic. What this means is that all the waivers that allowed us to provide meals at no cost, meals for weekends and after school snacks will no longer be able to be provided. Students may still receive free or reduced-price meals if they qualify through either Direct Certification or an application. If your student is approved for reduced price meals or attends a CEP school, there will be no charge for daily breakfast and lunch for the 2023-24 school year.

Families that qualify for Direct Certification do not need to fill out an application and will receive a letter confirming their eligibility in the program by the beginning of school. Applications will also be available before school starts. Families may also apply on line at [myschoolapps.com](http://myschoolapps.com) or [www.fcps1.org/nutrition](http://www.fcps1.org/nutrition)

## School Nutrition Program Information

Information on the School Nutrition Program, the Free and Reduced Price Meal Application, and school menus may be found on the school division website at [www.fcps1.org/nutrition](http://www.fcps1.org/nutrition)

## Notice of Direct Certification

Families who were mailed a *Notice of Direct Certification* from School Nutrition Administration (prior to school opening) **DO NOT** need to complete a meal application for 2023-24. If you did not receive a letter for EACH enrolled student in your household, please contact us immediately at 540-422-7223.

## Free and Reduced Price Meal Application

Meal benefit applications for the new school year are now being accepted. Families who received meal benefits last year **MUST** submit a new application and be approved on or before September 28, 2023. Prior year approvals will expire after lunch meal service on September 28, 2023.

Meal applications are processed within six business days upon receipt in the School Nutrition Administration office. Applications must include ALL household members (related or unrelated) and their GROSS income (pay before taxes or deductions), signature, and **LAST FOUR NUMBERS** of the social security number (or box checked indicating there is no SSN). Applications without all income information CANNOT be processed unless a valid Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) case number OR Virginia Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) number is provided OR the student for which the application is being submitted is a foster child.

## Apply Online

Applying for school meal benefits has never been easier. Visit [www.fcps1.org/nutrition](http://www.fcps1.org/nutrition) and click on *MySchoolApps* for an online application.



**Convenient** - Applying online allows school nutrition to process your application for meal benefits faster than ever before.

**Secure** - Your information is protected using the highest security standards in the industry.

**Worry-Free** - **MySchoolApps** walks you through the entire application process, ensuring it is complete and ready to submit.

## Prepayments and Meal Account Balance Monitoring

**FREE lunch account monitoring** is available by enrolling your student with **myschoolbucks**.

Easily pay for school meals with electronic check, debit, or credit card at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com), a division of Heartland Prepayment Systems, Inc. A small convenience fee will be applied by Heartland for payment transactions.

## School Meal Prices

	Breakfast daily	Lunch Daily
Elementary School, full price	\$1.90	\$3.10
Middle School, full price	\$2.00	\$3.30
High School, full price	\$2.10	\$3.50

Additional sides, milk and a la carte items will be available for sale.  
Milk only \$0.75  
Ice cream \$0.85

For a full listing, please see our website [www.fcps1.org/nutrition](http://www.fcps1.org/nutrition)

## Student Accounts

Payment for purchases in the school cafeteria may be made in advance or at the time of the purchase. A la carte items are not permitted to be charged. School lunch account monitoring, free of charge, is available by enrolling your student at [Myschoolbucks.com](http://Myschoolbucks.com).

## Non-Sufficient Fund Check Recovery

The Fauquier County School Nutrition program participates with a non-sufficient fund (NSF) check recovery service. All NSF checks will be subject to a non-refundable fee. The School Nutrition Program reserves the right to refuse checks from families who are habitual offenders or who do not reconcile NSF transactions.

## School Fee Waiver

Fees may be waived for students whose families are undergoing economic hardships and are financially unable to pay them. A fee waiver will be granted when any of the following valid documentation is presented to the student's school finance office:

1. Approved free or reduced price school meal eligibility letter
2. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit verification
3. Medicaid card
4. Unemployment monetary determination letter

Eligibility approval letters and Notice of Direct Certification letters can be used to obtain a free refurbished computer through Fauquier County Schools. Additional information is available at [www.fcps1.org/refurb](http://www.fcps1.org/refurb) or call Louis McDonald at 540-422-7013.

Please join us; we look forward to serving you this year.

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**  
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**  
[program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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