



When does the school day start and end? The elementary school day officially starts at 7:40. Students must arrive in the classroom on or before this time so as not to be considered tardy. The elementary school day ends at 2:20.

When is my child considered tardy? Students who arrive after the 7:40 bell and are arriving by bus will never be considered tardy. Students that arrive by carpool that arrive later than the 7:40 bell must be escorted into the building by an adult/guardian and signed in before going to the classroom. These students are considered tardy. Students who are tardy due to these circumstances are given five unexcused tardies before being referred to the school social worker. The classroom teacher will notify you after the third unexcused tardy. Students that arrive after this time but are tardy due to a doctor/dental appointment will be considered as excused tardies.

How do I know where my child's bus stop is and what bus my child rides? You and your child will attend Open House prior to the first day of school. At this time, you will be made aware of the bus stop that is nearest to you and the bus that your child will take to and from school each day. You may also visit www.fultonschools.org and click "Transportation" then "Bus Stop Information".

Should my child ride the bus on the FIRST day of school? It is imperative to establish routines the first week of school to promote confidence and a strong, positive attitude towards school. It is in the best interest of your child to begin routines and expectations right away. Your child will be less anxious when he/she knows what to expect in the morning and in the afternoon. He/She will begin to find comfort in seeing familiar faces each day when riding the bus to and from school. The routines established during the first 10 days of school are crucial to your child's emotional and social success.

How will my child know where to go the first day of school? You will be made aware of your child's assigned kindergarten teacher at Open House. At this time, you and your child will visit the classroom and meet the teacher. Sweet Apple's leadership team will help facilitate your child's way to his/her classroom in the mornings. Faculty is always present as soon as students enter the building and are stationed throughout the hallways to help students arrive safely to class. Students are never left alone to find the classroom. You are also welcome to walk your child to class the first three days of school.

How will my child ride or find his/her daycare van? Students that are riding daycare vans are escorted by either their teacher or para-pro to the daycare classroom where other teachers help them to get on the correct van. Students will never be expected to find their daycare van independently- they will always have help.

Can I drive my child to/from school? Students who arrive at school via carpool have a carpool routine. Carpool is located at the front of the building. Parents pull up to the front of the school and faculty members assist children with exiting cars safely. Please do not get out of the car until you enter the "Unloading Zone." To promote safety for our carpool students, we strongly ask that students and parents strictly adhere to our carpool policies and procedures. Parents that opt to provide carpool transportation for their child will receive a card at Open House. On this card, parents should write (largely and legibly) their last name. This name will be used to call students from the cafeteria to line up outside at the end of the school day.

Morning Drop Off: Parents who drop off their child in the morning will need to proceed in the carpool lane, located at the front of the school building, and always remain seated in their vehicle. When approaching the drop off area, a staff member will ask you to stop your vehicle, open the car door, and allow your child time to walk safely into the building. Please do not drop students off in the parking lot by the cafeteria. Always use the front of the school.

- **Afternoon Pick-Up:** Parents who pick up their child in the afternoon will need to proceed in the carpool lane and have their card with their last name visible in the front windshield of the car. A staff member will communicate your arrival via a walkie talkie to a carpool staff member inside the building, where all the carpool students report. The student will be asked to dismiss out the front entrance of the building when his/her name has been called. After your child is safely in the car, a staff member will ask that you pull forward slowly and depart the carpool area with caution. Under no circumstances should a parent/guardian park or exit his/her vehicle in the carpool lane. Nor should he/she park his/her vehicle in the parking lot and walk across the carpool lane to enter/exit with a child during carpool dismissal. This is extremely dangerous for members in the carpool lane and students. Furthermore, it prohibits the safety and efficiency of the carpool dismissal. Additionally, parents should not part their vehicle in the parking lot by the busses and walk through the busses to pick up their child. Not only is this dangerous, but it also delays the busses in departure.

When and where does my child eat lunch eat day? Each class is assigned a lunch time. Your classroom teacher will make you aware of your child’s time the first day of school. All students eat in the cafeteria. Students who purchase a lunch from the cafeteria will go through the lunch line and select his/her lunch, with staff assistance. Each student is given two main course meal options. They are also given fruit and vegetable options to add to the main course. Chocolate milk, orange juice, strawberry milk and 2% white milk are also included as part of the student lunch meal. Water is made available, however it does cost extra.

<u>Student School Lunch</u>	<u>Adults</u>
Breakfast: \$1.10	\$1.55
Lunch: \$2.49	\$ 3.35

Students can purchase extras such as popcorn, cookies, gummies, rice crispy treats, and ice cream. These purchases can diminish one’s lunch account quickly!

You are able to control your child’s lunch account, ex. only purchase these extras on a given day/days!

<http://www.mypaymentsplus.com>.

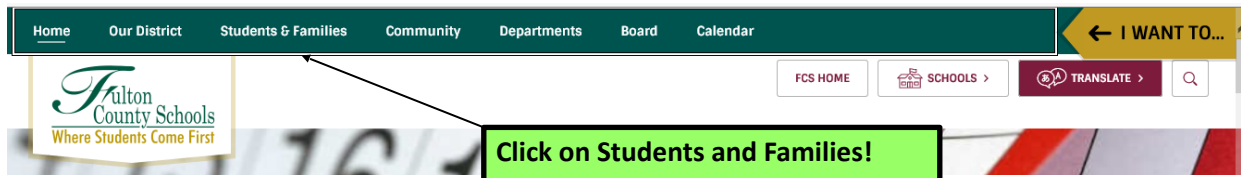
(Prices are subject to change)

How does my child pay for lunch? Fulton County has provided a means of monitoring and managing your child’s lunch account with ease using the following website: www.MyPaymentsPlus.com . You may add money to your child’s account via this site. You will need your child’s Fulton County ID number which you can get from your child’s teacher.

How can I create an account using mypaymentsplus?

Step 1: Go to the Fulton County website: <https://www.fultonschools.org/>

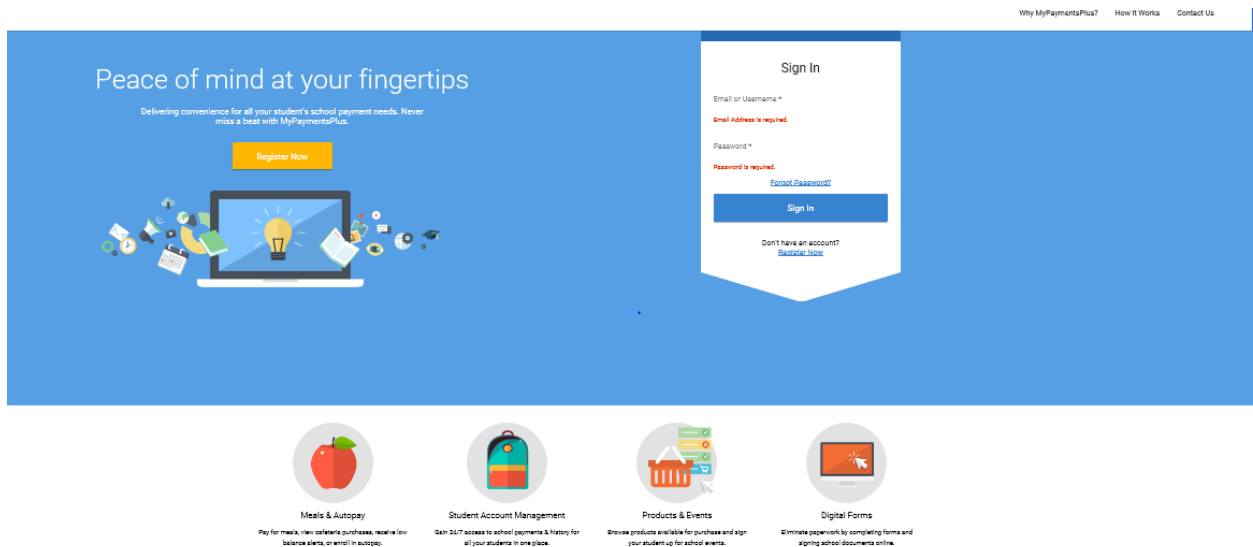
Click on the tab titled **Students & Families**



Step 2: Click on MyPaymentPlus



Step 3: Create an account!



Can my child bring a lunch from home? Students have the option to bring a lunch from home. It is best to pack lunch items in kid friendly containers that the student can manage. This helps to promote cleanliness at the lunch table and student independence. The lunch staff will assist students with lunch boxes and sealed containers that are difficult to open, however please discuss how to open/close items and consider practicing at home so your child feels less frustrated and overwhelmed.

What if my child has a peanut or food allergy? School lunches are peanut free meals; however, students that bring a lunch from home may have products that contain food allergens. As to not limit any student from being unable to enjoy his/lunch choices, we prohibit students from sharing food at school. Please notify the classroom teacher of any food allergies the first day of school.

Can I eat lunch with my child? It is important that daily lunch routines are established the first 10 days of school. These habits help to promote the health and safety of your child while eating lunch at school. We ask that parents join their child for lunch after the first two weeks of school. After this time, parents/guardians can sign in and receive a name tag from the front office and join their child in the cafeteria. Parents, wait in the atrium and join your child when the class reports to the cafeteria at the scheduled lunch time. We ask that parents/guardians eat at the tables set up outside of the cafeteria. Due to limited space, only students with a parent/guardian eat at these tables.

Can my child bring a snack to school? Each kindergarten teacher provides a snack time in the morning. Students are responsible for bringing a healthy snack from home each day. Candy, cookies and sugary snacks are strongly discouraged. Students need healthy snacks to promote concentration and academic success.

How do I contact my child's teacher? The classroom teacher will provide your child with a daily folder for students to use each day. This folder will contain school information, flyers, and school promotions. You can also email the classroom teacher. The teacher will provide you with the email address, or you can find the staff emails via the SAE website.

How am I aware of upcoming events at Sweet Apple? Mr. Allison sends a weekly email that includes all upcoming events and dates. These are sent on Friday afternoons and contain a plethora of information. Also, the school website is a terrific resource for students and parents. This site has upcoming events posted on a calendar, school news and websites that are made available to support your child's curriculum needs. We encourage our community members to use it as a reference and a resource. Parents are also strongly encouraged to use the PTO website to stay well informed of upcoming activities and events.

How safe is the school? Safety is a priority at Sweet Apple. All exterior doors are locked during school hours. Anyone wanting to enter the school must do so at the double doors located at the front of the school. Visitors must use the call button upon entering the building. The call button area is equipped with a camera for inside viewing. Visitors must call in and state the reason for the visit. After entering the building, all visitors must sign in, and receive a visitor's badge. This badge must always be worn during the visit.

How can I find answers to school policies and other questions I might have during the year? The Handbook includes detailed information regarding absences, tardiness, dress codes, discipline, the grading policy and much more. We encourage all parents to review the handbook on our website and keep it as a resource.

What do I need to volunteer at my child's school? You must complete the volunteer training online before you can visit or volunteer your child's classroom. The completion of the training can take up to 48 hours to process so please complete it in plenty of time. It's always a good idea to just do it at the beginning of the year and then that way it is done for future events. Please visit <https://www.fultonschools.org/volunteer>.

How do I join PTO or get involved? At Open House, families can see the many ways you can volunteer. Please make a strong effort to attend this day and to see what is of interest to you! We appreciate the support and dedication of the many organizations that help promote learning and success at Sweet Apple.

How are children identified for the Talented and Gifted Program (TAG)? All students are screened in January and if students meet the screening criteria, then they are considered for evaluation. More information about this process will be communicated.

Our hope is to provide you and your child with the best educational experience possible. We understand that starting a new school experience can be overwhelming. We welcome any questions or concerns that you might have and are eager to put your mind at ease. The kindergarten team makes a strong effort to connect with you and

your child. We value your child and want him/her to feel content, safe and comfortable. We will make every effort to make this possible.

Please use the following link to view the 2023-2024 school calendar. [2023-2024 School Calendar](#)