

Middle/High School Cafes

Nutrition for Brain Fuel

School Nutrition Services is continuing our commitment to making sure that all students are fully prepared and nourished for academic success.

2019-2020 School Year Meal Prices

Breakfast: Reduced Status- No Charge

Paid Status-\$1.25

Lunch: Reduced Status- \$0.40

Paid Status - \$2.60

FAQ

How can I prepay for my student's breakfast, lunch, and extra item purchases? You can put money on your student's account in several ways. We continue to accept checks or cash in the cafeteria (checks must include student's name and lunch number). You can also easily utilize the K12 Payment Center website to place money on your student's account, check balance, and see a transaction history. In order to create an account you will need your student's Student ID number which can be obtained from the school's office.

How can I be reassured to the accuracy of my student's account?

Students enrolled in Wilson County Schools are assigned a bar code number, or lunch number, to be used in the cafeterias. This number remains the same throughout the enrollment of the student. Upon any purchase or pre-payment this number is required to be entered or provided to the cashier. A picture of your student will appear for the cashier to ensure the correct student. You can also view up-to-date account history online when you set up a K12 Payment center account, as mentioned in the previous question.

Why are the elementary, Daniels, and Darden students receiving meals at "no cost"? These schools are eligible for meals at "no cost" under the Community Eligibility Provision which is part of the USDA Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

What is the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)?

CEP provides an alternative approach for offering school meals to Local Education Agencies and schools in low income areas, instead of collecting individual applications for free and reduced priced meals.

When is the Meal Application available?

Meal Applications are available after July 29, 2019. You may apply online for quicker processing at www.lunchapplications.com, or you may pick up a paper application from most middle and high schools as well as the main School Nutrition office (519 Ward Blvd. Bldg 7A. Behind the bus/maintenance warehouse.)

I have a student in a school that is participating in CEP and receiving meals at no cost. I also have a student at a non-CEP school. Do I need to complete a Meal Application? Yes. If a student at a CEP school has a sibling(s) at a CEP school, the parent/guardian will have to complete a Meal Application and include all individuals living in the household, including the student(s) attending the CEP school, on the application. **Please note: once a meal application is processed, your student at the CEP school will continue to receive meals at "no cost" while the student at the non-CEP school may qualify for meals at the free, reduced, or denied status.**

Do I have to complete a free/reduced meal application each year?

Yes. The federal guidelines require a new application each year for all non-CEP students. (There are exceptions for students who are directly certified through the Wilson County Department of Social Services.)

Can I complete a Meal Application by phone or fax?

Unfortunately, no. All applications must be an original official form. You may complete the application online, mail, or hand deliver to either the main School Nutrition office or your student's school cafeteria.

On the first day of school, will my student's meal status be the same as the previous year?

Yes. If a new Meal Application has not been processed for your student then the previous school years application will be honored. This status will be honored <u>only</u> until October 7. If a new application has not been completed and processed, your student's meal status will change to "paid" on October 8 and your student will be required to pay for his/her meals.

How long does it take to process a completed application?

Once received and date stamped in the main School Nutrition office, it will take no longer than 10 days to process. Our goal is to process applications as quickly as possible to make sure all necessary information is accurate and legible on the application. For quickest application processing, apply online at www.lunchapplication.com.

Visit our School Nutrition webpage on the district website for more information.

We thank you for your continued support of the School Nutrition program and our mission to

nourish your student's mind for continued academic success.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at 252-399-7845

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