

Chartwells School Meals



Welcome Back to the Café Birmingham Students

We are thrilled to be back serving your child for the 2024-2025 school year! To kick off the new year, we wanted to share important updates about our Food and Nutrition Program.

The Michigan School Meals Program is funding **free school meals for all Pre-K to 12th grade students this school year!** This funding allows for **one free breakfast and one free lunch per student.** Students must take a fruit or vegetable with the entrée to qualify. Extra items such as drinks, a la carte entrees, additional entrees, and snacks are not included in this program but will be available for purchase.

Breakfast is available every school day this year (including half days) and will be served before and up to the first bell. Breakfast will include grab and go items, fresh fruits, low-fat milk, and a variety of other sides. Lunch is available each full day of school. Lunch will include the entrée, fruits and vegetables, and choice of low-fat milk.

We can't wait to serve up happy & healthy to your child!

Get in Touch!

Don't please don't hesitate to reach out to us!

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News Corner

Free & Reduced-Price Meal Applications Now Known as the Application for Summer EBT & Education Benefits

This application is intended for families who would normally qualify for free/reduced meals. This is an income based application and based on your household income, your child may qualify for other programs such as:

- Summer EBT
- Pay to play or Pay to Participate
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Potential household support for cable and internet
- Test Fees

What do I need to do? For more information, please visit www.birmingham.k12.mi.us select menus, then select [Application for Summer EBT and Education Benefits](#) for more information.

If you have questions, please reach out to the Director of Dining, Pattie Guck, at 248-228-7172

Supply Chain Impacts Menus

With the Michigan School Meals, supply chain issues may affect our daily menus. This will cause us to alter our posted menus with little to no notice. While it is our intention to serve the posted menu, supply issues may not make this possible.



Fresh & Local Fruit & Vegetable Self-Serve Bar

Every day we offer a fresh fruit and vegetable bar for our students. We offer more items in addition to what is featured on our menu. Our cafes feature local produce when seasonally available such as apples, carrots, cucumbers, strawberries, and more!

Fruits and vegetables are included with every meal. Our bars are self-serve so your child can select a scoop of their favorites such as strawberries or try a new item such as one floret of purple cauliflower. Our team always encourages our students to try new items.

Adding Funds to Students Breakfast & Lunch Accounts

<https://birmingham.familyportal.cloud>

One complete breakfast and one complete lunch is free for each student. Extra items such as drinks, extra entrees, and snacks will be available for purchase. Through Family Portal, you as parents can view the purchases your child is making at lunch. Here spending restrictions and custom alerts can be placed on your child's account online. Deposits can be made online into your child's account – there is a processing fee. Online deposits go live into your student's account at the time of the deposit. Additionally, deposits can be made at your child's school by sending cash or a check payable to Birmingham Public Schools for no fee.



What is included with a School Breakfast & Lunch?



A meal includes an entrée, fruit, veggies, and a low-fat milk. Our team will encourage students to take advantage of the fruit and vegetable bar! Therefore, if a team member sees your child with only an entrée we will encourage them to grab a fruit or veggie, however, it is always the students choice.

Students must take a fruit or vegetable with the entrée to qualify for a free breakfast or lunch.

As participants in the National School Breakfast and Lunch program, we are obligated to follow all regulations. These include serving sizes, calorie content, and nutritional guidelines pertaining to all food offered for sale during the school day.

Café Prices

The Michigan School Meals Program is funding free school meals for students this school year! This funding allows for one free breakfast and one free lunch per student. *Students must take a fruit or vegetable with the entrée to qualify for a free breakfast or lunch.* Additional meals, beverages, and snacks may be purchased.

Elementary a la carte options

\$0.50 water, \$0.50 milk, \$2 second entrée lunch, \$3 entrée with no fruits/vegetables

Middle & High School a la carte options

Assorted beverage & snack options, \$2.50 second entrée lunch, \$3.25 - \$4.00 entrée with no fruits/vegetables

BPS Café Renovations

Groves High School

Chartwells donated funds to complete a renovation to the Groves Café. This included new paint, vinyl graphics, marketing signage, coolers, and more. BPS completed the project with countertops, sneeze guards and a new floor with bond funds.



Birmingham Covington School

BCS will have a completed renovation by the first day of school for 2024. This included all new serving equipment, new kitchen equipment, glass subway tile, paint, and flooring. Our students will get to walk into a beautiful new kitchen and Café.





At the heart of Chartwells is a strong team of motivated, caring and conscientious individuals who are dedicated to ensuring Birmingham’s students leave the cafeteria happier and healthier than they came in. We all have the same goal –delivering the best foodservice possible. Connect with us to see our team and what we’re doing in our cafes serving up happy & healthy!!

Student Choice Taste Test

Cutting Locally Sourced Veggies!



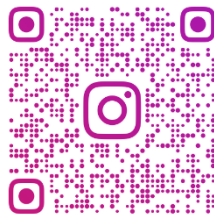
Celebrating Super Hero Day with our BPS Dream Team!



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Food Allergies or Special Dietary Needs?

If your child has a food allergy or dietary needs we must receive a [Special Dietary Statement](#), completed by a licensed medical professional (MD, DO, NP, PA) if they plan on eating a school meal. Our child nutrition team is not able to monitor or safe guard any food allergies in our cafes unless we receive a special dietary form on file for your student, per the Michigan Department of Education. After receiving, we can make a plan to safe guard for food allergies in our cafes, provide more information including ingredient labels, a specific dietary plan, and more. To set up a dietary plan please email Holly Fields the completed form that can be found on the BPS website.

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