

Food Service: WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

Lunch Meal Costs For SY 2024-2025:

Secondary Lunch (Grades 6-12) - \$4.00

Elementary Lunch (Grades K-5) - \$3.30

Reduced Price Meal Status - No Charge To Students Eligible*

** Families must complete a meal application to apply for reduced price meal benefits to be eligible for free meals at no charge to students eligible for reduced price meals.*

Free Breakfast for SY 2024-2025

Breakfast is Free to all students enrolled in the district.

Reduced Price Eligibility Under Medicaid-Reduced Price Eligibility

Families eligible for Medicaid-Reduced Price Eligibility will be Directly Certified for Reduced Price Meal Benefits. **Families do not have to complete meal applications for this school year if they receive the notification letter for *DC Medicaid-Reduced* indicating that they are eligible for reduced price meals in August.** Letters will be sent by email the Week of 8/19/24.

Apply For Meal Benefits: Free & Reduced Price Meal Benefits

BWSD: National School Lunch Program returns for SY 2024-2025. All students not on government assistance will be FULL PRICE meal status UNLESS families apply for benefits. If you feel you may qualify for meal benefits, please click this link, <http://schoolcafe.com> to complete a meal application online.

Families Receiving Government Assistance:

Families that are eligible for direct certification will receive a letter from BWSD in August confirming that their child is eligible for free meals in the 2024-2025 school year. The direct certification letter will be emailed to families the week of 8/19/2024. The letter will state that they do not need to apply for meal benefits. Please read the letter you received carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification letter, contact Judy Bourne, 412.885.7500 x8081 or email at jbourne@bwschools.net immediately to add your missing child's name to the benefit.

* **Meal Payments:**

BWSD is a cashless operation. All payments must be made through the third-party company contracted with the district, **e-Funds**. Payments can be made online to e-Funds by check or credit card. Go to the Food Service website to learn more details about making payments online.

New This Year: BWSD Food Services will pay the fees from e-Funds for payments made for the food service cafe fund online. Parents will not have to pay the fee charged by e-Funds for any payments made for the food service cafe fund on or after the effective date, Monday, August 26, 2024.

How to Make A Payment:

Go to the BW district website>Menus>Food Service Web Page> Under the '**Payment**' tab is the link to e-Funds. Click here for the link: [Food Services - Baldwin-Whitehall School District](#)

All payments must be made through e-Funds. School sites and administration offices cannot accept cash, checks or credit card payments.

Parent Responsibilities For Lunch Debt:

The Skyward system will automatically send out notices to families until the negative balances are paid. Letters from the district will be mailed out to families via email and or U.S. Mail for unpaid balances. Parents are responsible for payment of lunch debt owed to the school district from prior school years. **Board Policy 808.1** Lunch Accounts informs parents of the details of what will occur if their child's account becomes delinquent. You can access the Board Policy on the BWSD website.

Menu:

Menus are posted each month on the food service webpage one week prior to the start of the next month.

The menu features:

- **Vegetarian Meals Available Daily**
- **Taste It Tuesday Promotions** - (BHS/BMS/LES - New recipes, Global recipes, New items coming to the schools)
- **Ala carte options for Secondary Schools**
- **Ala carte snack program for R.A. Lutz Elementary School**

More information available on the BWSD Food Service webpage.

[Go to BW district website>Menus>Food Service Web Page or click below
Food Services - Baldwin-Whitehall School District](#)

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Nondiscrimination Statement:

For all other FNS nutrition assistance programs, state or local agencies, and their subrecipients, must post the following Nondiscrimination Statement:

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

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/ad-3027.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

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