



## Food Service- UMASD Middle School - 2024-25

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Please visit the Food Service Department page of the district website (UMASD.org, then click on "Departments", then click on "Food Service") to find breakfast and lunch menus and answers to many of your Food Service questions.

**Breakfast will continue to be FREE to ALL students for the 24-25 school year!**  
**In addition, students who qualify for reduced lunches will be considered FREE for the school year!**

Students will be Free, Reduced or Full Pay beginning on the 1st day of school based on what your student's status was last year. This will continue for the 1st 30 operating days of the 23-24 school year. If your student was free or reduced last year and you haven't been Directly Certified and notified by Food Service or filled out and received approval about your application by Food Service then your student will be changed to full pay on October 10, 2024.

If you have received an email from Food Service that your household was "Directly Certified" you do not have to do anything. If you haven't been "Directly Certified" and you believe, even remotely, that you may be free or reduced, then fill out an application at [www.schoolcafe.com](https://www.schoolcafe.com).

If you are new to the district and you have not received a letter from UMASD Food Service that your student(s) was directly certified they will not automatically be free or reduced from your old district. You will need to fill out an application on [schoolcafe.com](https://www.schoolcafe.com). Please contact us if you have any questions.

To apply you will have to set up a new account (if you don't have one) and then fill out the application. You can apply on your computer or your smartphone. If you apply on your smartphone you can apply, submit and track your application status right on your smartphone. If you apply on the computer you will get an email back from the Food Service office telling you your student(s) designation within a day or two. Food Service uses the primary email that you list on your Student Information Update for all communication about applications, balances, and anything else we need to contact you about. PLEASE make sure the School District has your up-to-date email address at all times. If there is no email address associated with your household we will send you the letter in the US Mail.

The main office of your student's school has English and Spanish applications for households without internet or smartphone access. If you need an application in any other language please contact the Food Service office at 610-205-8814.

At [www.schoolcafe.com](https://www.schoolcafe.com) you may also check balances, set up automatic payments and low balance alerts, set snack restrictions, and make payments. Note- to avoid the \$1.95 transaction fee you can send in a check with your student and have them bring it to the cafeteria. For younger grades put it in a labeled envelope so your student's teacher will send it to the cafeteria. Make checks payable to "UMASD Food Service".

Students are only allowed to get a 2nd meal if you have filled out a form giving them permission, A second meal is never free and will be charged to your students account. The form can be found on the Food Services page of the UMASD.org website or by clicking here:

<https://www.umasd.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=12835&dataid=33106&FileName=Middle%20School-%20Permission%20Form%20for%202nd%20Meals.pdf>

Pennsylvania law prohibits Food Service from discussing money owed by a student directly to them (unless they ask or are in High School) so we direct all communications about money owed by students to households via email, letter and phone calls. In order to save your time as well as Food Service's time PLEASE be aware of your students account and what they owe and help us to keep balances owed to Food Service to a minimum. UMASD Food Service does not deny a student a meal when they have no money on account or cash in hand, but those meals will be expected to be paid for and we will contact households. If you are having problems paying for your students' meals please contact Penny Bartlett at [pbartlett@umasd.org](mailto:pbartlett@umasd.org) or 610-205-88504 for help- there are many ways we can try to help!

### **Meal Pricing**

Breakfast- Elementary =FREE to all!  
Lunch - Middle and High = \$3.25- Reduced=Free

Breakfast will be served from carts in 2 locations in the main hallway of the building. Students will pick up breakfast on their way into the building and bring it directly to their classrooms to eat. There will be three choices each day. All breakfasts will come with a fruit or juice and a milk. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR STUDENT HAS THEIR ID!

At lunch there will be 4-6 choices every day at the Middle School. A vegetarian item will be available every day. Students may choose a fruit, vegetable and milk with their meals, but they **must** have either a fruit or vegetable on their tray.

### **Scanners at the Registers**

We use scanners at the registers. All students have received multiple ID cards. The school ID's they get with photos every year will work at the scanner also. ID's can go from grade to grade and school to school- they have the same ID throughout their time at UMASD. **BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS PLEASE HELP YOUR STUDENT LOCATE THEIR ID (or IDs) AND GET IT IN AN ID HOLDER WITH A LANYARD ATTACHED AND HELP CLARIFY THAT THEY NEED IT ANY TIME THEY ARE GETTING A BREAKFAST OR LUNCH!**

- This ID must be with the student when they want to purchase food from the cafeteria or breakfast cart (breakfast , lunch, and/or snack).
- Handling and storage of ID's in lockers and usage around the building will be determined by the Middle School Main Office
- The sticker on their I-Pad with a barcode may also be used at the scanner.
- Students without an ID will be able to give the cashier their name so the student can be looked up manually, and there will be a special line for those students.

### **Please Read on for Additional Important Food Service Information...**

The Food Service Department's primary goal is to provide your child with healthy, attractive, and tasty meals which comply with all state and federal nutritional guidelines and regulations.

Following the standards of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, most of our grain based products such as bread, pizza crusts, and sub rolls are whole grain rich, all milk is low-fat or fat free and we do not fry any foods. Please strongly encourage your child to take complete balanced meals that include fruits, vegetables, and milk.

Starting off the day with a good breakfast helps your child stay alert and focused in class which improves academic performance. Please remember that a complete breakfast is available every day.

The monthly menus are posted on the district website- [umasd.org](http://umasd.org). Milk, vegetables, and fruit are always included in the cost of a complete meal. Students must take at least one fruit or vegetable with their meal.

The UMASD Food Service Department is here to serve the students, so please feel free to contact me anytime with compliments, concerns, questions, or suggestions at 610-205-8804 or [pbartlett@umasd.org](mailto:pbartlett@umasd.org).

Have a great 2024-25 school year!  
Penny Bartlett, Food Service Supervisor

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