



Food Service- Specific Info for UMASD High School - 2024-25

Para obtener esta información en español, visite UMASD.org, Departamentos, Servicio de Alimentos, Carta de Bienvenida a la Escuela Secundaria

لقراءة هذه المعلومات باللغة العربية، يرجى الانتقال إلى موقع umasd.org، ثم النقر فوق "الأقسام"، ثم النقر فوق "خدمة الطعام" ثم النقر فوق النسخة العربية.

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 23-24 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.

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. 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 (Free, Reduced or Full Pay). 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 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".

Pennsylvania law allows Food Service to discuss money owed by a student at the High School level directly to them (but not at the Middle and Elementary levels) and we also direct 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 or 610-205-88504 for help- there are many ways we can try to help!

Meal Pricing

Breakfast- Middle and High = FREE for All
Lunch - Middle and High = \$3.25- Reduced price= Free

Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria from 7:00-7:30 am. . There will be several 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 High 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. Check out the menus on the UMASD website under Food Service.

Scanners at the Registers

We use scanners and pin-pads at the register in the High School. To get any food, students must either know their 6 digit ID number and enter it into the pin-pad or have a barcode on their phone and the directions on how to download the app can be found here: Click on UMASD.org, Departments, Food Services, How To Download App for High School Barcodes- <https://www.umasd.org/Page/13532>.

The barcode should be up and ready for the scanner when students are in line to help speed the lines so they can enjoy their lunch and time with their friends. Most students take a screenshot of the barcode because the wifi doesn't always reach well into the cafeteria.

No problem if they don't have a phone for this, we can even scan the barcode on their computer if they have it with them in the lunch line.

BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT EITHER KNOWS THEIR 6 DIGIT ID OR HAS DOWNLOADED THE APP AND HAS A SCREENSHOT OF THEIR BARCODE AND HELP CLARIFY THAT THEY NEED IT ANY TIME THEY ARE PURCHASING SOMETHING IN THE CAFETERIA!

Viking Cafe

The Viking Cafe is open from approximately 7:30-10:30 every day and has snacks and drinks available for purchase. All items fit into the "Smart Snack" guidelines. If you put money on your student's lunch account and don't want your student to spend any of it in the Viking Cafe you will need to go onto schoolcafe.com and create that restriction. No charging is allowed in the Viking Cafe.

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

Follow this link to read an article about the significant changes to children's diets that have been made by the National School Lunch Program and individual school's Food Service Departments:

<https://sph.washington.edu/news-events/news/obama-era-school-nutrition-policy-led-better-diets-students-faces-changes>

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.

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

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Please see the full Non-Discrimination statement on the Food Services pages of the UMASD website.