



STUDENT DINING SERVICES

PARENT GUIDE FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR



MEALS AT NO CHARGE FOR ALL STUDENTS

We are pleased to inform you that your school is participating in an option provided by the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the upcoming school year. This means that all students enrolled at your school are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and nutritious lunch at school each day completely free of charge!



BREAKFAST GUIDELINES

Breakfast is provided at no charge to all CPS students. Breakfast includes an entrée with whole grains and/or lean protein, fruit, 100% juice, and choice of milk.

Students must select at least three menu items, one of which must be a serving of fruit or vegetables.

MENUS AND STUDENT ACCOUNT INFORMATION

CPS is going green! View our menus online by using the SchoolCafe app or visit SchoolCafe.com! While CPS does accept cash, parents may also use SchoolCafe to pay for à la carte items using a credit card or electronic check.

With SchoolCafe, you can:

- View menu item images and descriptions
- Find nutritional information
- Filter menu for specific food allergens
- Access carbohydrate counts
- Rate menu items
- Schedule automatic payments
- Receive e-mail notifications of account balances
- Maintain one account for multiple students
- Complete a Meal and Educational Benefits Application



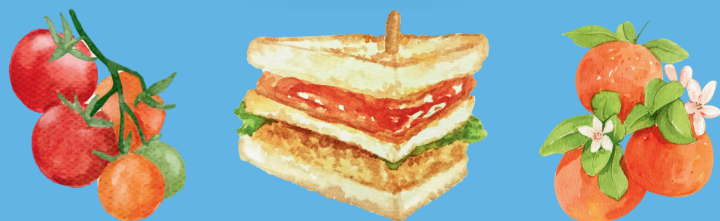
*CPS does not allow meal accounts to have a negative balance.



BRINGING A LUNCH?

If students prefer to bring their favorite lunch from home, they may still add menu items from our serving line at no charge!

Students must pick three components to count as a free lunch, one of which must be a serving of fruit or vegetables.



LUNCH GUIDELINES

Our lunch program offers a variety of hot and cold entrées, along with fresh fruit and vegetables. Lunch includes an entrée with lean protein and whole grains, two servings of fruit, two servings of vegetables, and choice of milk.

Students must select at least three components, one of which must be a serving of fruit or vegetables.



SPECIAL DIETS

To accommodate students with special diets due to a medical need, please complete a Special Dietary Needs Form and have it signed by a licensed medical professional.