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SOUTH HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Food Service Department
100 Mosier St.
South Hadley, MA 01075



We Serve Growing Minds!

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome back to the 2025-2026 school year. The cafeteria staff is committed to serving nutritious and well-balanced meals that meet or exceed the state guidelines. We are excited to inform you that schools/districts that qualify for CEP will continue to receive FREE school meals for the upcoming school year.

MEAL SERVICE: Each school will be offering breakfast and lunch to ALL students. Please see the menus for serving times.

PRICING: ALL meals are FREE to ALL students for this school year. If students want a second meal, the cost will be: Skala School lunch cost \$2.35, Mosier & Middle cost \$2.60, and the High School cost \$2.85. Snacks and ala cart items will be offered to the students. There is NO charging of these items, they must have money on the lunch account.

FREE & REDUCED MEALS APPLICATIONS: South Hadley Public School is one of many Massachusetts schools that qualify for Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Community eligibility allows for a healthier student body. It is no longer necessary for families to fill out a Free and Reduced Lunch Application. Students are run through the state Virtual Gateway monthly to see if they qualify for any benefits that are available through the state.

A Supplemental Income form is available for families that do not qualify for benefits directly through the state and feel they qualify based on income guidelines. We strongly encourage ALL families who feel they qualify based on the income guidelines listed on the supplemental income form to submit this form as it allows us to waive/reduce various fees such as transportation or sports fees etc. The Supplemental Income form can be found on the school's website. Please return this form to the principal of the school that your child is attending.

(NOTE: If you are seeking financial assistance over the summer months, then you need to submit the form through the DESE website).

COMPLETE LUNCH: *PLEASE* let your students know that even though all meals are free this school year, they **MUST** take a complete meal, or they will be charged the full amount. Every lunch offers the 5 components of a reimbursable lunch: meat/meat alternate, grain, vegetable, fruit and milk. Every student must take at least 3 of the 5 components of the lunch to be considered reimbursable and 1 of those items **MUST** be either fruit or vegetable. If a student refuses to take either fruit or vegetable, they will be charged at the ala carte rate which is more expensive than the current lunch prices.

SNACK & SECOND MEAL PAYMENTS: The lunch program will continue to be "cash-less" this year! Checks can be mailed in or dropped off at the main office and we will make the deposit into student's accounts. If cash is the only option, all funds will be deposited, change will not be given back to avoid slowing down the serving line. We **STRONGLY** encourage that all students (parent/ guardians) consider depositing money into their accounts electronically by using www.myschoolbucks.com. Simply login in and follow the user-friendly prompts. After you register for an account, you will be able to make deposits into your student's account, as well as monitor the balance and history of purchases from the previous 90 days. If at any time you would like to know your child's balance, you may speak with the cafeteria manager or contact the Food Service Office at 437-2626 or email Matt Hoagland at mhoagland@shschools.com or Cindy Roy at croy@shschools.com.

LUNCH BALANCES: ALL student balances are carried forward each year. If there are funds on their account, they can use them for snacks, extra meals, ala carte items etc....

It is our privilege to provide breakfast and lunch for your children, supporting them with nourishing and healthy meals to power through the school day! We can't wait to see them in the coming weeks.

Best
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