



Parent Guide

AZUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NUTRITION SERVICES DEPARTMENT **2025 - 2026**



Welcome back!

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The Nutrition Services Department is dedicated to providing nutritious meals to all students by offering freshly prepared breakfast and lunch at no cost. We offer a variety of hot and cold entrées, along with fresh fruit and vegetables. Lunch includes entrée of lean protein and whole grains, servings of fresh fruits and vegetables and reduced fat white or nonfat chocolate milk.



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FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

California continues to offer Universal meals. Azusa Unified School District will continue operating Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Students will continue receiving one FREE nutritionally adequate breakfast and lunch meal during the school day.

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SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

All schools offer breakfast service before the bell. If students miss the first breakfast, they have an option to receive a second chance breakfast at the elementary school level and high school. We focus on increasing breakfast consumption which in turn improves their readiness to learn. Breakfast includes entrée with whole grains and/or lean protein, fruit, 100% juice, and low-fat white or non-fat chocolate milk.



ONLINE MENUS

Nutrition Services is going green! View menus online by visiting <https://www.azusa.org/departments/business-services/nutrition-services> where you can:

- Find menu item images and descriptions
- View nutritional information
- Filter menu for specific food allergens
- Access carbohydrate counts
- Rate menu items

Additionally, menus are also posted monthly on our website



BRINGING LUNCH FROM HOME?

Add three free menu offerings. If students prefer to bring their favorite lunch from home, they may still add a fruit, veggie, and milk from our serving line at no charge! They must pick 3 to count.



FEATURED NEW MENU ITEMS AUSD IS COOKING



Our team of cooks and chefs strive to improve the health of students by developing menus that highlight meals prepared from scratch using locally sourced ingredients. We work with local farmers in California dedicated to making the last remaining farms in our region sustainable via partnerships with local school districts. 40% or more of items offered on our menus will be freshly prepared using minimally processed, locally grown food items. Look for this symbol ☺ for freshly prepared menu items.

INTRODUCING STUDENTS TO FARM TO SCHOOL

Nutrition Services uses LACP funding to promote nutrition education. The students learn how to grow crops and where their food comes from. During the 24-25 school year, Old Grove Orange Farm worked closely with the District to bring more organic, locally - grown fruits and vegetables to our cafeterias. To finish off the year with a bang, we planted our own district school garden at Slauson central kitchen. Students will learn about the superpowers of fruits and vegetables and how their food grows.



SPECIAL DIETS



To accommodate students with special diets due to a medical need, a Special Dietary Needs Form must be completed and signed by a licensed medical professional or a Registered Dietician.

Please find the form at <https://www.azusa.org/departments/business-services/nutrition-services>

OR
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SUN BUCKS SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM



To check if your child is eligible, ask your child's school for a Universal Benefits Application. For cardholder assistance, the SUN Bucks helpline is available at (877) 328-9677. The helpline provides automated support 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Live agents are available Mon through Fri, 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

ALTERNATIVE HOUSEHOLD INCOME FORMS ONE FORM, MANY RESOURCES FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Thanks to Universal Meals for all students in California. Azusa Unified School District continues to provide FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH to all students for the 2025-2026 school year. Under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), AUSD will be able to provide free meals to all students for the next year. However, the California Department of Education (CDE) has changed the way it funds public education. The funding system is called the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). A Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) is developed using the LCFF funds based on the needs of students and families in our schools. Additional funding is allocated to districts that have students that meet the criteria of being an English learner, Foster Youth, and/or Socio-Economically Disadvantaged. To receive these additional funds our district must be able to identify if your child meets one or more of the above criteria. These funds will be used to provide additional support to our schools for things such as promoting safer schools, offering students increased opportunities to be college and career ready, as well as increased parent training opportunities.

So, we need your help! Please complete the online form by going to the following link

<https://azusausd.aeries.net/Enrollment>

We will receive the appropriate funding for our schools based on the information you provide. If you need any assistance filling out the form, feel free to call your child's school.

The information submitted on the form is a confidential education record and is therefore protected by all relevant federal and state privacy laws that pertain to educational records.

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RESOURCE LINKS:

For discount utilities, please check out California Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program by visiting www.benefits.gov/benefit/1540.

For information about CalFresh eligibility and/or to apply, please visit: <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/calfresh/eligibility-and-issuance-requirements>.

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