



CHELSEA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am excited to welcome your student(s) back for the 2025-2026 school year! Below you can find some important information about school meals this year.

Chelsea School District will be offering free breakfasts and lunches for all students as part of the Michigan School Meals program **which is currently funded through 9/30/2025**. We are hopeful that a Michigan School Aid Budget will be in place before then and that the Michigan School Meals program will be able to continue. **If a budget is not in place, further communication will be coming regarding the status of free meals after 9/30/2025.**

Even though meals are free this year, the district still needs to collect the Education and Nutrition Benefits Form (formerly called the Free & Reduced application). This data determines several different funding sources that we receive from the state so it is crucial that we still collect it. **We encourage all families, regardless of income, to complete and submit a short, confidential school meal application prior to the start of the school year.** Our online application can be found at chelsea.familyportal.cloud. A communication did come out from me regarding how to access your student(s) account, but please reach out if you have any questions. Paper copies of the application are also available on the Food Service page of the school website and in the main office of each school and you can email me for a copy if you need one.

In order for students to receive a free meal, they have to take a complete reimbursable meal, which includes the fruit/vegetable. This year we will continue to enforce our policy of not allowing students to charge snacks, drinks, and a la carte items to their accounts. Students must have lunch money in hand or on their account to purchase additional items.

Our new POS software is called Meal Magic and we are excited to be using a new system this year. Any existing balances have been transferred from MealTime to Meal Magic. Benefit status from the previous year has also been transferred over and is good through 10/7/2025. These accounts are also managed via the Meal Magic Family Portal, chelsea.familyportal.cloud. To set up a new account, you will need your student(s) ID number. Families can make deposits online to their students' lunch accounts or we also accept cash and checks at the registers. Please make checks payable to: **Chelsea Food Service** and include your student's name in the memo.

Menus can be found on Chelsea's NutriSlice website: <https://chelseak12.nutrislice.com>. You can also download the NutriSlice app on your smartphone for easy access.

If you would like your child to receive meal accommodations for food allergies or a medical condition impacting their diet, please ensure that you submit the required documentation to your child's school. Meal accommodation forms can be found on the Food Service page of the district website.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact me at 734-433-2201 Ext 1023 or csimpson@chelseaschools.org.

Thank you,
Chris Simpson, Food Service Director

