

Miller Place Union Free School District is Going Free Meals!

Miller Place UFSD announces that as of September 4, 2025, meals will be offered free to all students in Miller Place UFSD, regardless of their socioeconomic status. The District is able to provide a breakfast meal and a lunch meal at no cost to all in-person students. This is made possible by the NYS decision to provide Universal Free Meals across the state for 2025-2026 and the district can provide these benefits through a program called Provision 2.

Frequently Asked Questions regarding No Cost Meals

Q: What is the Provision 2 Program?

A: Provision 2 (P2) Program is a meal service option for School Food Authorities (SFA) to serve breakfast and/or lunch at no cost to all enrolled students while reducing the burden of collecting household applications to once every 4 years and simplifying meal counting and claiming procedures by allowing meal reimbursement to be based on claiming percentages.

Q: What does Provision 2 mean for my child?

A: Provision 2 does not change the way your child orders meals with their teachers or goes through the lunch line. Your child's meal will be recorded, but charged at no cost to your child.

Q: If meals are free, do I still need to fill out a Free/Reduced Meal Application?

A: Yes. Although meals are free, it is extremely important to continue to fill out the Free/Reduced Meal Application. This meal application is not only important for the Miller Place UFSD Child Nutrition Department in the first year in P2, but it also helps the district establish aid needs with New York State and can help your child receive additional discounts on AP testing, college applications, etc., and it can help your child receive potential summer EBT benefits.

Q: What is a “complete” breakfast?

A: A complete breakfast consists of four components to choose from:

- Whole Grains 2 ounce equivalent serving - Choose 1
- Protein 1 ounce equivalent serving - Choose 1
- Fruit 4 ounce equivalent serving - Choose 1 or 2
- Milk 8 ounce equivalent serving - Choose 1

Please Note: Students must choose at least three components offered with one of those being a fruit or an incomplete meal will be charged at à la carte prices.

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Q: What is a “complete” Lunch?

A: A complete lunch consists of 5 components:

- Whole Grains 2 ounce equivalent serving - Choose 1
- Protein 2 ounce equivalent serving - Choose 1
- Vegetable 4 ounce equivalent serving - Choose 1 or 2
- Fruit 4 ounce equivalent serving - Choose 1 or 2
- Milk 8 ounce equivalent serving - Choose 1

Please Note: Students must choose at least three components offered with one of those being a vegetable or fruit or an incomplete meal will be charged at à la carte prices.

Q: What if my child brings their own lunch and would like just milk or fruit?

A: According to New York State guidelines, to access the free meal benefit, a child must take what counts as a complete meal, which means choosing at least three of the five components (including a vegetable or fruit). Food Services staff will guide your child in understanding what constitutes a complete meal. A la carte items, such as milk, are available for purchase via the prepaid account or cash.

Q: Can my child still purchase à la carte items or a second breakfast or lunch?

A: Yes. There is no change to purchasing à la carte items. Student accounts must have sufficient funds in their prepaid accounts or have cash at the time of purchase. **Also, only the first breakfast and first lunch of the day are free.** A second breakfast or second lunch would need to be purchased. **Student accounts should be pre-funded as there is no charging of à la carte items.**

Q: How can I add funds to my child's account to make those types of purchases?

A: In addition to the opportunity to prepay for your student's à la carte purchases by cash or check, online prepayment is also available. Checks should be made payable to the Miller Place UFSD. Please make sure your child's name is on all envelopes or checks. The district continues to utilize MySchoolBucks, (<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/>), to make payments via credit card. There is a transaction fee to make online payments. To avoid the fee, students can always pay with cash for their purchases or use pre-funded accounts.

Q: What if my child's account has money on it? Can I get it back?

A: Parents can either leave the funds on their student's account for à la carte items or request a refund from the Child Nutrition Department. If you would like a refund, please call the Food Service Coordinator (631) 474-2700 ext. 753 who will provide instruction on how to receive a refund. Refunds can take 4-6 weeks to process. If there is automatic replenishment on your student's account, please end these payments before requesting meal account reimbursement.

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Q: What if my child has dietary restrictions? How will the Child Nutrition Department address these concerns?

A: The Child Nutrition Department offers a large variety of daily food and beverage selections that currently meet many special diets and lifestyle preferences. If your child has dietary restrictions, a food medical statement which states the foods to be avoided and recommended substitutes is required. This will assist in working together to determine a reasonable accommodation on a case-by-case basis.

Q. How do I view the menu for breakfast and lunch?

A. The menus for the month are found by clicking on the Menus tab at the top of the Miller Place District website.

Q. Can you tell me about school meals?

A. School meal programs offer breakfast and lunch meals that meet strict federal nutrition standards. Our meals are planned with student preferences in mind, all while including foods that offer the right balance of vegetables, fruits, low fat or nonfat milk, whole grains and lean protein. Our meals are specially formulated to be lower in fat, sodium, and sugar, and higher in fiber to comply with federal school meal regulations.

Q: Does funding for school meals come out of my school taxes?

A: The funding comes from federal and state taxes based upon the number of breakfast and lunch meals served.

Q. Who can I contact with any questions or concerns?

A. Please contact the Food Service Director at (631) 474-2700 ext. 361 or email foodservicedirector@millerplace.k12.ny.us with any questions.