

Greetings from the Cafeteria



MOT Charter offers both breakfast and lunch daily. While milk comes with all school meals, it can also be purchased separately for \$0.50.

2025-2026 School Meal Costs for MOT Charter Students

There are some changes to the cost of school meals this year. We are excited to announce that the governor has signed the bill allowing all public-school children to receive FREE BREAKFAST this school year! Students are welcome to one free breakfast per school day if they would like. Students are still required to pay for their lunches, unless they have qualified for Free or Reduced meals. Lunch prices did go up slightly, so please make note of the new prices below.

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Grades K – 5	\$0.00	\$2.60
Grades 6 – 12	\$0.00	\$2.75
Reduced	\$0.00	\$0.00 **
Free	\$0.00	\$0.00

** Students at MOT Charter must pay for lunches unless they have qualified for free or reduced meals. The State is continuing to cover the Reduced price lunch fee for families qualifying for reduced meals. If your family is facing financial challenges and you think you might qualify, you must submit a new Meal Benefits form each school year. There is one exception. If you received a letter this summer from the cafeteria that your child has already been Directly Certified, you only need to submit page 2 of the Meal Benefit form “MOT Charter School Consent to Share Information with Other Programs,” if you wish to get additional assistance.

To ensure the Meal Benefits program is available on the first day of school, please complete the Free and Reduced Meal Benefits form today, if you think your family may qualify.

Meal Benefits Form: The form and the supporting documents are attached to this letter. Completed forms can be submitted to either cafeteria manager in person or using their email listed below. Only one meal benefit form is needed per household, even if you have children

attending both campuses. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact your cafeteria manager. We are always happy to help!

(K-8) Michael Lynn Whitehead: phone 302-376-5125 / email michaellynn.whitehead@mot.k12.de.us

(HS) Kim Weiss: phone 302-696-2014 / email kim.weiss@mot.k12.de.us

Additional Assistance/Permission to Share Information: MOT Charter offers several additional assistance opportunities for families that have qualified for Free or Reduced meals. However, to take advantage of these programs, you must give us written permission to share information with any programs you choose. This permission can be given by completing page 2 of the Meal Benefits form. Even Directly Certified students must complete and submit page 2 of the Meal Benefits form if they wish to take advantage of this assistance.

Adding Money to Meal Accounts: If you are new to MOT Charter, please look for an email to set up your Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. This Parent Portal is where you will be able to add money to your child's lunch account. While there is a fee for using this method, it does have a lot of great features! For example, you can sign up for low balance notifications in the portal. The cafeteria will also continue to take cash and checks. There is no fee when paying by cash or check.

Included in this packet is the "Cafeteria Meal Charge Policy." You will note students are given a one-day grace period to purchase a lunch without sufficient funds in their account. Parents should set up a portal alert, so they are aware when their children's accounts is low. This alert will show when you log into the portal. If you use the mobile app, you can also get push notifications on your phone. Students are not allowed to buy a la carte items if it will put their account into the negative.

We look forward to serving your children!

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