

CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STUDENT DINING SERVICES

PARENT GUIDE

2026-2027

MEAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW & ELIGIBILITY

All CPS schools, with the exception of Walnut Hills, Hyde Park, and Kilgour, participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs.

This means that students enrolled at participating schools receive a healthy breakfast and nutritious lunch at no cost each school day.




Families at Walnut Hills, Hyde Park, and Kilgour must complete a Meal and Educational Benefits Application to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

Lunch Prices:

Hyde Park & Kilgour: \$1.75

Walnut Hills: \$2.00

Apply for free or reduced-price meals:

-  Online at SchoolCafe.com
-  Request a paper application from your school
-  Call 513-363-0800 to have an application mailed to your home

STUDENT MEAL ACCOUNTS

Access menus and manage your student's account through the SchoolCafe app or at SchoolCafe.com.

CPS accepts cash, or families can use SchoolCafe to pay for à la carte items by credit card or e-check.

With SchoolCafe, you can:

- View menus, nutrition information, and allergens
- Set up automatic payments and balance alerts
- Manage multiple students in one account
- Complete a Meal and Educational Benefits Application

*Meal accounts cannot carry a negative balance.

PIN Numbers

Walnut Hills, Hyde Park, and Kilgour students must use their 5-digit Student Number at checkout and know it by the first day.

BREAKFAST GUIDELINES

Breakfast is provided at no cost to all CPS students.

Each breakfast includes:



Entrée with whole grains and/or lean protein



Fruit



100% juice



Choice of milk

Students must select at least 3 items, including 1 fruit or vegetable.

LUNCH GUIDELINES

Lunch is provided at no cost to all students with the exception of Walnut Hills, Kilgour, Hyde Park.

Each lunch includes:



Entrée with whole grains and lean protein



2 serving of fruits



2 servings of veggies



Choice of milk

Students must select at least 3 components, including 1 fruit or vegetable.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

We are committed to supporting students with medical dietary needs. To request accommodations, please submit a Special Dietary Needs Form signed by a licensed medical professional.

Scan here:

