



Schuylkill Valley School District

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Welcome to Kindergarten!

Our Food Service Staff are here to help you and your students navigate the School Cafeteria.

Breakfast IS FREE!!

Breakfast options consist of (not limited to) Pancakes, Breakfast Sandwiches, Yogurt Parfaits, Waffles, French Toast, Cereal, Donuts each served with Juice, Fruit, and Milk.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH TAGS

Students will be issued a Breakfast and a Lunch card (2 cards) with a unique barcode that identifies them in our system. Please attach the Breakfast card to the students backpack with the provided zip tie. Attach tag on the side of the backpack for easy access to the cashier when scanning the card for our breakfast count. Please make sure the card stays on the student's backpack for the remainder of the year.

Lunch tags will be put on a provided lanyard and kept in the classrooms. Students will take the card with them through the line and the cashier will scan the card to access their account. Students will return the cards to the classroom for the next day.

Students will enter the cafeteria and go through the line to make their meal selection. They will purchase their meal at the end of the line at the register. This system allows children to move through the line in a timely manner, so that they have adequate time to eat.

To replace a card that is lost or damaged, contact the Food Service Director.

STUDENT ID NUMBER

Students will receive a four-digit pin number, which you will find in their Back-to-School Letter. This pin number is their Student ID Number and will stay the same for the entire time they attend Schuylkill Valley School District. It is particularly important for each student to **LEARN** this pin number. They will also use their pin number when they move up to the Middle School and High School where they will **NEED** to use the pin pad to access their cafeteria accounts. At the Elementary School, students can use their card or the pin pad. They should learn their pin numbers. There is an example of a pin pad in this packet.

MEAL PRICES / PAYMENT OPTIONS / FREE & REDUCED MEALS

Meal Prices – The state of Pennsylvania is providing Universal Free Breakfast to all students for the 2026/2027 School Year. BREAKFAST IS FREE TO ALL STUDENTS.

In addition to the universal free breakfast, the State is also providing Free Lunch to all students that qualify for Reduced Priced Meals. The cost of lunch for paid students is \$3.00. Food Service posts menus on the district website.

We are here to help! If you think you may qualify for Free or Reduced Meal prices, please go to <https://www.schoolcafe.com> and fill out an application. If you are approved your child's account will be updated and they are then eligible to receive breakfast and lunch for free. This information is confidential, and no other students will be aware of your child's status. **PLEASE NOTE – A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT AT THE BEGINNING OF EVERY YEAR.** Your free or reduced status will only carry over for the first **30 DAYS** of the new school year. Please refer to the district's website under Food Service for more information on the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Program.

SCHOOL CAFE

School Café is an online portal for parents to access their child's Food Service account. School Café is owned and operated by the Point-of-Sale System which the district uses for the Food Service Cafeteria operation. School Café allows you to view your child's account so you can monitor what they are purchasing and their balance.

You may set up automatic email alerts that will inform you when the account balance is low. You can make payments through School Café using a credit card (a service fee will be charged for this service).

Applications for Free or Reduced Meals can also be processed through the School Café website. To use this service, you must first register by logging into the School Café website and choosing a username and password. You must then add your children to the account by using their Student ID Number (PIN Number). Please refer to the district's website under Food Service for information and instructions on using the School Café website.

ALA CARTE ITEMS

Extra entrées plus additional healthy snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. All ala carte items meet the Governments Smart Snack Approved Guidelines. Please note: Students must have sufficient funds available in their account to purchase ala carte items. Students will **NOT** be allowed to charge ala carte items if they have a negative account balance.

MAKING PAYMENTS

The following are ways you can make payments to your child's account.

1. **CHECK** – Please make check payable to: "SVSD Food Service" and list your child's name and pin number on the check and/or the outside of the envelope.
2. **CASH** – We accept cash – Please make sure it is in a sealed envelope with your child's name, grade, teacher, and pin number clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. **PLEASE NOTE IF CASH GETS LOST OR STOLEN, IT CANNOT BE TRACKED OR REPLACED.**
3. **ELECTRONICALLY** – Online payments can be made by going to www.schoolcafe.com. You **MUST** register with School Café first to use this service. The minimum payment amount is \$20.00, and a 5% service charge will be assessed for payments made online.

You can utilize School Café to check your child's balance and set reminders if making payment in either check or cash to avoid the 5% service charge. You can send payments to school with your child or drop them off at the office or by mail to

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Attention – Food Service Department

Please do not hesitate to call Louisa Trumbore, Food Service Director, at (610)-916-5726, or email ltrumbore@schuylkillvalley.org, with questions.

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