



MDCA Lunch and Extended Care Program 2026-2027

Lunch Program (K-12)

Mount Dora Christian Academy strives to provide all students with nutritious, delicious meals that support their academic success and physical well-being. Consistent with this mission, we offer a Free and Reduced Lunch Program for eligible students based on household needs.

Program Overview

The MDCA Lunch Program offers a variety of meal options to accommodate the diverse tastes and dietary needs of our students. Key features of the program include:

- **Nutritionally Balanced Meals:** Our meals are carefully planned to provide students with healthy, well-balanced lunches each school day.
- **Menu Variety:** We offer a rotating menu featuring a wide range of options, from traditional favorites to new and exciting selections. *Please visit mdcacademy.org to see the monthly mainline lunch menus.*
- **Free and Reduced Lunch Eligibility:** Students approved for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program are eligible to receive one mainline lunch each school day. Additional food items or meal options may be purchased at an additional cost.
- **À La Carte Line:** This line is separate from the mainline lunch service and is available to secondary students. Items purchased from here are not covered by the Free and Reduced Lunch Program and must be paid for separately.

Lunch Price	Elementary	Secondary	Extra Mainline Items
Regular	\$5.75	\$6.75	prices vary
Reduced	\$2.88	\$3.38	50% off
Free	\$0.00	\$0.00	50% off

We believe that a strong lunch program is an essential part of the educational experience here at MDCA, and we are committed to continually improving our offerings and welcome feedback from parents and students.

To apply for the MDCA Lunch Program, complete all sections of the application form and provide any required documentation. Incomplete applications will delay processing.

Part I: All Household Members (everyone who lives at your address, including yourself)

Names of all household members	School name	Grade

_____ (Initial) I acknowledge that all household members residing at my address, including myself, have been listed above on this application.

Part II: Total Household Gross Income (per month)

Please provide the information requested below for all **adults** currently living in the household. This should also include nontaxable pay, such as retired military pay, VA disability, Social Security, etc.

Name of household member with income	Earnings from work before deductions	Welfare, child support, alimony	Social Security, SSI, VA, retirement benefits	All other income (ex., Unemployment)

*** Please provide supporting documentation, such as your 2025 Form 1040, two recent pay stubs, or your 2025 W-2 forms. Please note: If you submit a 2024 Form 1040, you must also provide your two most recent pay stubs to verify your current income.**

Part III: Is your child(ren) enrolled in one of these programs?

If one student in the household is enrolled in these programs, all students in the household attending MDCA will receive free mainline lunch for the 2026-2027 school year.

- ☐ State SNAP
- ☐ FDPIR
- ☐ State TANF
- ☐ Medicaid

***Please provide a screenshot showing that the program is active and up to date or applications will not be processed.**

Extended Care Program (K-8)

The MDCA Extended Care Program provides a safe, supervised, and engaging environment for students before and after the regular school day. The program is designed to support families by offering reliable care and enriching activities outside of school hours.

Program Overview

Families must register for the Extended Care Program in order for their child to participate. Additional information, including registration details and sign-up forms, will be provided at the beginning of the school year.

Key features of the program include:

- **Before Care:** Available Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. for students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Before Care offers a safe, supervised environment where students can prepare for the school day, socialize with peers, and participate in quiet activities before classes begin.
- **After Care:** Available Monday through Friday from school dismissal until 6:00 p.m. for students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade. After Care provides a safe, structured environment where students can complete homework, participate in age-appropriate recreational activities, and remain supervised until parent pickup.
- **Qualified Supervision:** Students are supervised by trained staff members who are committed to maintaining a safe, supportive, and positive environment.
- **Attendance and Pickup Procedures:** For the safety of all students, attendance is monitored daily, and students may be released only to authorized individuals listed on their accounts.

Extended Care Price	Before Care	After Care	Discount
Daily rate	\$6.00	\$20.00	
Reduced	\$4.50	\$15.00	25% off
Free	\$3.00	\$10.00	50% off

Acknowledgment and Signature

I have read and understand that acceptance into the MDCA Lunch and Extended Care Program is not guaranteed and will be determined based on financial eligibility. I acknowledge that my family's financial information will be used to determine eligibility for these assistance programs and certify that the information provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

_____(Initial) I acknowledge that discounted Extended Care rates are based on qualification for the MDCA Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Families who do not qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program may still enroll in Extended Care, but will be responsible for the standard program rates.

_____(Initial) I certify that I have listed all requested income and household information for every adult currently residing in the household. I further certify that I have submitted all required supporting documentation, including either two recent pay stubs, 2025 Form 1040, or 2025 W-2 forms, as applicable.

_____(Initial) I acknowledge that eligibility for the Lunch Program and/or Extended Care Program is subject to application review and approval, and that benefits will become effective upon processing of my application.

Applicants for the MDCA Lunch and Extended Care Program will be notified of their eligibility status via email. Each applicant will receive either an approval or a denial letter once their application has been reviewed and processed.

Important: Applications will not be processed unless all required documents are submitted and all signatures and initials are completed. Please review your application carefully before submission to ensure all requirements have been met.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Completed applications may be delivered to the MDCA Business Office or emailed to Jade at jade.mcgranaghan@mdcacademy.org.

Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced-Price Meals
Effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Eligibility for free and reduced-price meal benefits is determined based on total household income. When completing the application, families must report all income received before taxes, Social Security, health insurance premiums, union dues, or any other deductions are withheld.

FREE MEAL SCALE

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	2X Month	Biweekly	Weekly
1	\$20,748	\$1,729	\$865	\$798	\$399
2	\$28,132	\$2,344	\$1,172	\$1,082	\$541
3	\$35,516	\$2,960	\$1,480	\$1,366	\$683
4	\$42,900	\$3,575	\$1,788	\$1,650	\$825
5	\$50,284	\$4,190	\$2,095	\$1,934	\$967
6	\$57,668	\$4,806	\$2,403	\$2,218	\$1,109
7	\$65,052	\$5,421	\$2,711	\$2,502	\$1,251
8	\$72,436	\$6,036	\$3,018	\$2,786	\$1,393
9	\$7,384	\$615	\$308	\$284	\$142

REDUCED-PRICE MEAL SCALE

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	2X Month	Biweekly	Weekly
1	\$29,526	\$2,461	\$1,230	\$1,136	\$568
2	\$40,034	\$3,336	\$1,668	\$1,540	\$770
3	\$50,542	\$4,212	\$2,106	\$1,944	\$972
4	\$61,050	\$5,088	\$2,544	\$2,348	\$1,174
5	\$71,558	\$5,963	\$2,982	\$2,752	\$1,376
6	\$82,066	\$6,839	\$3,419	\$3,156	\$1,578
7	\$92,574	\$7,715	\$3,857	\$3,561	\$1,780
8	\$103,082	\$8,590	\$4,295	\$3,965	\$1,982
9	\$10,508	\$876	\$438	\$404	\$202