



**Vandalia Butler City Schools Food Service Department**  
**Information for the 2026-2027 School Year**  
**Smith, Demmitt and Helke**

**Breakfast**

Breakfast is offered daily in the cafeteria.

Smith: 8:35 am – 8:55 am

Demmitt: 8:15 am – 8:35 am

Helke: 8:00 am – 8:20 am

Breakfast Cost: \$2.40 or \$ .30 if receiving reduced price meal benefits. No charge if receiving free meal benefits. Please note for the 26-27 school year the state is covering the reduced price meals and there will be no charge.

A breakfast consists of the main entrée or grab and go selection items, fruit choices and milk choice.

Breakfast will not be served when there is a 2 hour delay.

**Lunch**

Lunch for KG - 5<sup>th</sup> grade is \$3.40 or \$ .40 for students receiving reduced price benefits. No charge if receiving free meal benefits. Adult lunches are \$5.00 with a beverage. Please note for the 25-26 school year the state is covering the reduced-price meals and there will be no charge.

A lunch consists of choice of entrée/grain offered, with vegetable choices, fruit choice, and a choice of milk.

A la carte milk is \$ .65. A la carte items/entrees range from \$.50 -\$3.50.

**Cafeteria Payment Options**

Payments may be made online. Cash and check payments can be made at the cafeteria. When paying cash **NO** change will be made, balance will be put on their account.

Credit/debit card payment may be made through PaySchools Central. The link for this site is found under the “Parents and students” tab of the district website or on the VBCSD App. Your child’s student ID number will be needed to set up an account (obtain from school). Please note, registering for an account does not mean you have to use the site for prepayment, but allows access to review your child’s purchases and to register to receive a low balance notification.

If sending cash, please put the money in a sealed envelope stating the student’s first and last name, student ID number, and the amount that is enclosed. If sending for more than one student, please list the first and last name of each child.

Checks should be made payable to the Vandalia Butler Food Service Department. Please state the student’s first and last name(s) on the check.

**Meal Charges/Negative Balances**

Student meal accounts may go into a negative balance of **up to -\$20.00\***.

Students will not be able to purchase extra food items when their account has a negative balance.

An alternate meal will be offered to students that do not have available funds.

\*Student meal accounts will not be able to go into the negative as of May 14, 2027 through the remainder of the school year.

**Free/Reduced Meal Benefit Applications**

Benefit meal applications may be found on the district website. Only one application needs completed per family. The meal application may also be completed online at <https://vandalia-butler.payschools.com/>.

Students will temporarily begin the year with the meal benefit status from the previous school year. Applications should be turned in as soon as possible. Families receiving notice that they have been directly certified to receive free meal benefits will not need to fill out an application. Please note that an instructional fee waiver sent with the direct certification notice will need signed and returned to the school.

**Applications are accepted at any time throughout the school year.**

Please contact the food service office, 937-415-6419, if you have any questions.

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