

WINSTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Welcome back, for the 2026-2027 school year. We look forward to a great year! On behalf of Winston County's Child Nutrition Program (CNP), please know it is our mission to provide students with excellent experiences while in our care. We recognize that well-fed students are better prepared and ready to learn. As a result, it is our responsibility to provide all students with high-quality, nutritious, and appealing meals when they visit our cafeterias. Additionally, we work to ensure this is done in a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment. Please note, all school cafeterias offer breakfast and lunch meals to our students, which meet the nutritional requirements established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). These meals are provided to students in an "offer vs. serve" format, which allows them to decline up to two food items on the tray, however, a fruit or vegetable serving is required to meet USDA guidelines. We are pleased to announce that Winston County Schools will be participating in the USDA Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) again for the 2026-2027 school year. **This program allows all students in our system to enjoy breakfast and lunch FREE each day.** Please encourage your student(s) to participate daily in this program in an effort to continue providing these meals at no cost while allowable by the USDA. Student participation in this FREE program has a direct impact on its future sustainability. Please note, students who bring their lunch are allowed to also receive FREE meals from their school lunchroom. Additionally, students who may want a specific meal item or items may also receive these FREE meals. In this scenario, we encourage "allowable", unconsumed foods to be placed on a Share Table for other students to consume as desired.

Lunch applications are **not required** this year due to our participation in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP). This additional benefit of the program simplifies and expedites the daily meal service process. In addition to the daily FREE meal, additional meals or a la carte items are available for purchase. These purchases may be done with cash, check (in hand), or from funds in the student meal account. For your convenience, Winston County Schools offer online services through MySchoolBucks. This program allows you to create a free account for your student. This account provides the ability to deposit money online (for a fee), as well as, track the spending and account balance of your student. For more information, please visit their website at www.myschoolbucks.com. Finally, we encourage you to refer to your local school website for daily menus and serving times. These menus are subject to change due to availability or adverse conditions. We welcome guests to visit campus and dine with their students, however, all campus visitors must check in at the main office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school lunchroom manager, or you may contact the CNP office at 205-489-5018. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the students of Winston County, we look forward to a great year!

MEAL COST INFORMATION for the 2025-2026 Academic Year

(Prices updated on an annual basis)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Students	FREE	FREE
Faculty	\$3.25	\$5.25
Visitors	\$3.25	\$6.00
Special Event	\$4.00	\$7.00

(Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.)

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All Other Programs NDS-Child Nutrition

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