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## **School Nutrition - Meal Service Reopening Plan**

**SY: 2020 - 2021**

Purpose: The following recommendations are made to ensure support of the district's hybrid model of learning and to ensure all students have equal access to the School Nutrition Program.

### **Breakfast Meal Service (Where applicable)**

- All schools will serve a Grab N' Go breakfast menu only
- Breakfast will include only two entrée choices
- All items will be placed in a bag for quick service with the exception of milk
- Students will be charged appropriately based on meal eligibility (Free, Reduced or Paid) at the point of service

### **Brick and Mortar Learning Option – Grades Pre-K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**

- Students in grades Pre-K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be served lunch daily
- Students will be required to go through the serving line
- Students may either eat in the classroom or social distance in the cafeteria.
- Lunch will be served in a covered container for those eating in the classroom.
- **ES Principals – are encouraged to schedule regular meal service from 10:00 -11:30**
- Students will be charged appropriately based on meal eligibility (Free, Reduced or Paid) at the point of service

### **Meals for Virtual Students**

- Students will be able to pre-order meals in advance using the [Meal Choice Order Form](#)
- Meals will be provided for 5 days and picked up from the student's home school
- Meal Service for Virtual Students will be once a week on Wednesdays only
- Parents will have two options to select:
  - Option 1: Five meals for breakfast and five meals for lunch
  - Option 2: Five meals for lunch only
  - Modified Menu will be provided on website (Meals include hot and cold options)

## Meals for Virtual Students, continued

Virtual Meal Service - Pick-up time window:

- 12:00PM – 1:00PM Elementary
- **ES Principals – are encouraged to schedule regular meal service from 10:00 -11:30**
- 10:00AM – 12:00 PM Middle and High Schools
- Meals will be available for pick-up in the bus loop or front of the school (car rider lane) during the designed time on Wednesday. Parents and students will not have to enter building.
- Parents will arrive, give their student's name to the School Nutrition staff, then be asked to open trunk for the contactless exchange of food
- All meals will be charged based on student's meal eligibility (Free, Reduced or Paid)

## Meals for Hybrid Students

Students designated as **Group A** attend Brick and Mortar on Monday and Tuesday and work virtually from home on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Students designated as **Group B** attend Brick and Mortar on Thursday and Friday and work virtually from home on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

- Group A Students – Will have an opportunity to participate in regular meal service on Monday and Tuesday at the home school. On Tuesday prior to dismissal, students will be given the opportunity to pick up meals in the cafeteria for the virtual learning days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Group B Students – Will have an opportunity to participate in regular meal service on Thursday and Friday at the home school. On Friday prior to dismissal, students will be given the opportunity to pick up meals in the cafeteria for the virtual learning days, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Parents will be required to sign up in advance for this service using the Meal Choice Form.
- Parents will have two options to select:
  - Option 1: Three meals for breakfast and three meals for lunch
  - Option 2: Three meals for lunch only
  - Modified Menu will be provided on website.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Why are parents asked to open trunk now to receive meals?

This will provide a contactless exchange. We have noticed our current model sometimes require hand to hand contact or staff reaching in cars.

### 2. Can parents with multiple students attending different schools, pick-up at one location?

Meals must be picked up at each student's home school due to accountability compliance, staffing, production, and inventory. Menus are planned according to USDA guidelines which vary based on age/grade group. Therefore, some serving sizes and menu choices may vary.

### 3. Are Free & Reduced Meal Applications required for SY: 2020-2021?

Yes, a new household Free & Reduced Meal application must be submitted every year. **New! Free & Reduced Meal Applications are available to complete online.** The online process will assist with a much faster approval process. The online option will minimize cross contact between students and staff. New applications must be submitted by September 21<sup>st</sup>, to avoid last year's application expiring. When applications expire, the students' status returns to paid. Online applications can be completed at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>

### 4. Can parents make payments online?

Yes! Online payments can be paid online at <https://myschoolbucks.com>

### 5. Why aren't meals provided for free?

We were able to provide meals at no cost during the emergency school closure in March through May and during the summer meal service program. Those programs have now ended and students will be charged based on meal eligibility (free, reduced or paid).

### 6. As a benefit, the district is providing child care for employees. Will those students be allowed to have a meal?

Yes! As long as the student comes for meals during operating hours. There may be a cost based on free, reduced or paid eligibility.

### 7. Has the School Nutrition Program applied for the USDA waivers?

Yes! We have applied for all waivers to offer the maximum amount of flexibility during service. Pending approval.

**Updates will be provided as we receive. Thanks.**