

Welcome Back! Food Service has taken on a new look and has added new information on their website, such as healthy eating and healthy lifestyles. You may view school level menus on our website, too. In addition, at the school levels, we are adding a number of new, healthy snacks for school events or classroom parties. The Catering Menu and Price list is also on the website so you can work with Adrienne on your next catering event.

Free or Reduced-price meals are available to students whose households qualify based on income or receipt of food stamps/TANF benefits. Households must complete an application each year to receive Free or Reduced-price meal benefits unless you receive a letter stating that your child has been approved for free meals based on eligibility information that has been electronically transferred from the Oregon Department of Human Services. If you do not receive a letter for each child in your household, then you must complete an application listing all household members. Students eligible for free meals are entitled to one breakfast and one lunch meal each day. Ala-carte items, milk only, or additional meals are not included and are at an additional cost.

If your child was approved for free or reduced-price meals during the 07-08 school year, he/she will continue to receive those meal benefits until Oct. 15, 2008 or until a current application for the 08-09 school year is processed. Meal benefits for new applications cannot start until an application is approved. Please send a lunch or money for a paid lunch until you receive notice that the application is approved.

Student meals are processed on a computer in the cafeteria. Each student has an account whether they use it or not. To use the account, money needs to be deposited to the account prior to eating. When the student goes through the meal line the appropriate amount will be deducted from the account based on their status of Paid or Reduced-price. Students approved for Free do not need to deposit money unless a parent is going to be eating a meal.

Charging is discouraged and should only be used in an emergency. The District School Board policy is to allow up to 3 charges for K-5 grades and one charge for 6-8 grades. If you receive a notice of meal charges for your child, please include additional money for future meals. Parents should be contacted if their child exceeds the maximum charges. At this point you will need to send a lunch with your child until the account has sufficient funds for meals or if you have made specific arrangements with the kitchen manager. Please do not put the food service staff in the uncomfortable position of having to deny your child a meal or providing a limited alternative selection.