



Denver Public Schools

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

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PARENTS/GUARDIANS: THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

In order to maximize the funding your school receives to educate your child, it is **very** important that you complete the Application for Meal Benefits and return it to your child's school cafeteria or to the Food and Nutrition Services Office at 2320 W. 4th Avenue, Denver, CO 80223 as quickly as possible.

Your school receives much of its funding from students **qualifying for meal benefits** even if they do not eat school meals. Just by qualifying, your school receives money for educational needs; in addition, there are programs where you may receive other benefits that are associated with qualifying for free or reduced price meals such as; **Book Fee Waivers, Scholarships, Reduced Summer Recreation Center fees, Reduced Athletic fees, ACT Testing fees, Reduced Bus fees and the list goes on. These programs are offered on a school by school basis; please contact your child's school for more program details.**

After the meal application has been processed, we will send you a notification letter that documents your child's status for free, reduced or full pay meals. **Please keep this letter** while the information on the Application for Meal Benefits is kept confidential, you may choose to use the notification letter to qualify your child(ren), for the other available benefits.

PLEASE NOTE – Students will remain in the same status from the previous school year for the first 30 operating days of school. If a completed application is not received and processed within the 30 day time frame they will be full pay until an application is received and a new status is determined.

CHARGE POLICY: Any student in grades ECE through 5th grade, who forgets or loses his/her money, may charge up to \$5.55. Prior to this limit being reached, a written notice will be given to the student to notify the parent/guardian. If payment for charges is not received the next school day, an alternate meal will be served. If charges are still not paid after 2 days, a nutritious snack will be served instead of a meal. In all cases, the charges **MUST** be paid back. Please remember that you are responsible for all lunch charges until your meal application is completed and processed in our central office.

There are **NO** charges allowed for students in grades 6 and above. Please send money with your child/ren to the cafeteria on the first day of school or pay in advance as we do not want to see a child go hungry. See prices below.

Students and or parents/guardians are encouraged to pay in advance for meal purchases. Deposits in any amount may be made to a student's personal account, either at the school cafeteria or on-line at myschoolbucks.com, reducing the chance that their lunch money will be forgotten, lost, or stolen. While students still have the option of paying as they go through the line, advance payment will speed transactions, allowing lines to move more quickly and affording more time for eating their meals. All students have personal accounts regardless of paying status (free, reduced, or full pay).

A HUNGRY CHILD CANNOT LEARN

If you choose NOT to complete an Application for Meal Benefits or you do not qualify for free or reduced price meals, the prices for 2016-2017 school year are as follows.

Breakfast Prices

Elementary	no charge at participating schools
Middle School	no charge at participating schools
High School	no charge at participating schools

Lunch Prices Grades

Elementary	ECE – 5	\$1.85
Middle School	6 – 8	\$2.10
High School	9 – 12	\$2.60

Reduced-Price lunches are .40¢ for all grades

Thank you,

Theresa Hafner, Executive Director, Enterprise Management