

Food Service News

The District will be switching to the Infinite Campus lunch system for the 11-12 school year. It will be compatible with the system that the District is using now. For the families, it will be very similar to the old system in that the lunch program uses a family account program. One check to the account covers all family members in elementary and secondary schools. Each student is issued a four-digit ID number that they use every year until they graduate from High School. This account works on the declining balance principle. Out of this we take breakfast, lunch, EK and kindergarten milk and Ala-carte items. When an account is down to \$5.00 per student, it is considered low, and students are reminded to bring money for the account. The accounts will be accessible through Infinite Campus. For the Elementary students we will send a letter home on Friday. Secondary students are given a reminder to take home. During a day the balance can change several times if there are several children in a family and they are at different centers. Accurate account balances are available at the high school kitchen after lunch. Sometimes our reminders do not always get all the way home, so it is a good idea to track on your home calendar approximately when to send additional money. The school policy is not to allow extra's at \$-0 balance. When the negative balance reaches 10.00 per family, we will attempt to contact the parents by phone. If we are unable to work out a solution we will offer and charge for a sandwich lunch. Negative \$10.00 doesn't sound like much but since we have approximately 1000 families, it can quickly become a burden for the program. PLEASE keep money in your account. If a family qualifies for the free or reduced program, this covers meals only. It does not cover milk by itself or any extras.

It is possible to "block" a student's account, which then only allows that child to buy a meal or milk. For budgeting purposes some families find this helpful, and students can pay cash for any extras they would like.

For Specific information about your account or if you would like an itemized statement, please call 597-2811.

Children who were eligible for free or reduced price lunches at the end of the 2010-2011 school year will be given the same benefits through October 2, 2011, if a new application is not filed. If a new application is filed prior to this date and your eligibility status changes, it will become effective on the date that the application is processed by the school. You only need to complete **ONE** application for your entire family and it may be sent to any of the buildings that your children attend.

Listed below are the charges for lunch costs for grades 6-12:

Regular Student Lunch \$2.15 full price, \$.40 reduced price

Breakfast \$ 1.25 full price, \$.30 reduced price

Extra Milk-1/2 pint \$.40

All a Carte items will be available the same as last year at various costs.

Listed below are the charges for lunch costs for grades EK-5

Regular Student Lunch \$2.00 full price, \$.40 reduced price

Breakfast \$.1.15 full price, \$.30 reduced price

Extra Milk-1/2 pint \$.40.

STUDENTS ATTENDING ALL DAY REGULAR KINDERGARTEN AND EARLY KINDERGARTEN MAY PARTICIPATE IN AFTERNOON- MILK BREAK. THE COST IS .40 PER DAY. FREE AND REDUCED STUDENTS, IF THEY CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE, MUST PAY FOR THIS MILK, AS THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT REIMBURSE FOR THIS PROGRAM.

The per-semester cost for extra milk for the Early Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will be \$36.00 or \$.40 per one-half pint.

Any further questions, call (515) 597-2811. Ask for Karen Dibel or Grant Chapin