

Fall 2020 Food Service Meal program changes

On September 8, 2020, the district Food Services program will begin serving both breakfast and lunch to our students. Meals will continue to be served in a non-congregate “grab ‘n go” style with both meals delivered at the same time, from 11:00 am until 12:00 pm on each day that school would normally be in session.

There will be a very significant difference. The USDA waiver that allowed free meal to all children aged 1-18 beginning in March 2020 under the Summer Food Service program ended June with the last day of school. When we reopen this fall we will be required to operate under the traditional National School lunch program that operates normally during each school year. These are the key differences:

1. **Only enrolled students can be served.** Parents can still pick up for their student as this federal waiver has been extended. However, whether it is the student or parent, the student’s ID number or name will be required for verification/look-up in order to receive a meal.
2. **The student’s mealtime account will be charged for the meal.** The eligibility of the student, whether free, reduced or a paid is required by USDA to be tracked in order to for the district to claim reimbursement.
3. Since **enrolled students must be verified prior to receiving meals**; meals will be served at school sites only. All school sites will be able to access enrolled students district-wide in order that **parents can pick up for all enrolled students at one site** instead of traveling to each school attended by their children in the same household.
4. Children that are not enrolled can still be served, however, payment must be made prior to receiving the meal for nonprogram services.
5. Food service staff on site will be able to accept money and checks for paid students at the point of service. If paying with cash, please have exact amount as staff will be unable to make change.
6. Meal prices have not increased for 2020-21. They are:

School	2020-21 Lunch Price	2020-21 Breakfast Price
Dallas High School	3.35	1.75
LaCreole Middle School	3.10	1.75
Whitworth Elementary	2.85	1.50
Lyle Elementary	2.85	1.50
Oakdale Elementary	2.85	1.50
Morrison	3.35	1.75
PADTC	3.10	1.75
Milk AlaCarte	0.60	0.60
Adult/Non-Student	4.00	3.00

There is discussion at the USDA national level to reinstitute the summer food service waiver that allowed Dallas School District to feed all children regardless of their enrollment, ages 1-18. Unless and until that waiver is approved at the national level, we must be prepared to implement the drive through system in a manner that allows for student verification. This will necessitate a two-stop approach; the first stop will verify student enrollment and claim the meal on the student(s) account. A slip will be provided that will instruct the staff at the next stop how many meals to provide each recipient. One breakfast and one lunch will be provided for each enrolled student each day.