

FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

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APPLICATIONS FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICED SCHOOL MEALS

The only households that need to complete a Free & Reduced Priced Application are those that do not qualify for subsidized meals through the State of Michigan Direct Certification. The preferred method to apply for free & reduced-price school meals is to complete an application online using the Buchanan Community Schools Food Service Web Portal. Online applications will be available starting August 22nd. Visit www.buchananschools.com and click the Food Services icon located on the main page then Account Login. A username and password are needed. If you are a first-time user, you will need to call 269-695-8415 or email Becky at rkaltenbach@buchananschools.com for your password. Paper applications will also be available at open houses, school offices, the food service office, and school kitchens. Only one application needs to be completed per household.

Federal programs allowing for free meals for all students have expired.

Monthly breakfast and lunch menus are available online at:

www.buchananschools.com/food-services-program-information

Paper copies are sent home with elementary students and are also available at each school office.



SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

STUDENT BREAKFAST	FULL PRICE	REDUCED
Ottawa & Moccasin	\$1.00	\$.30
Middle School & High School	\$1.10	\$.30

The menued school breakfast includes one milk, 100% juice and fruit. A variety of cereals are available as another entree choice.

Disruptions in our food supply chain are still a possibility and we may occasionally have to substitute menued items. We thank you for your patience and cooperation and look forward to serving your children this year.

ELEMENTARY

breakfast service begins at 8:10 am

MIDDLE SCHOOL

breakfast service begins at 6:50 am

HIGH SCHOOL

breakfast service begins at 7:00 am

SCHOOL LUNCH AND MILK PROGRAM

STUDENT LUNCH	FULL PRICE	REDUCED
Ottawa & Moccasin	\$2.25	\$.40
Middle School & High School	\$2.50	\$.40

Milk: \$.50 if purchased without a meal (also applies to students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals, but only want milk).

The menued school lunch includes one milk. A variety of fruits and vegetables will be available on all menu lines for students to add to their plate (at no extra charge) before they check-out at the register.

ALA CARTE SALES

At the Middle School and High School, additional drinks and food will be available for purchase. Students may pay cash or have the cost deducted from their lunch accounts. No charging will be allowed for these items.

Please contact Becky Kaltenbach at 269-695-8415 for information about adding funds to your child's lunch account.

PROCEDURE FOR THE COLLECTION AND PAYMENT FOR CHARGED MEALS

It is the responsibility of the parents to provide lunch for their children while at school. However, it is important that children receive the nutrition they need to stay focused during the school day. This procedure shall apply in the event that a child neither has a lunch nor the funds to purchase a lunch.

An elementary student (grades Kindergarten - 4th) may charge up to \$10.

A middle school student (grades 5-7) may charge up to \$5.

A high school student (grades 8-12) may charge only one (1) lunch at any time until their charges are paid.

There will be no charges allowed for adults or for food and beverages purchased ala carte.

Parents of elementary students with negative meal accounts will receive a letter from the Food Service Department regarding the amount of money owed. Parents may also view the activity in their child's meal account via the internet through the Districts Food Service Web Portal. The Web Portal may also be used to make payments for school meals.

NOTE: No charging will be allowed during the last two full weeks of the school year in order to allow time for all meal accounts to be brought into good standing before the end of the year.

At the discretion of the Food Service Department, a private service fund may be established to pay for a student's charged meals. The Food Service Supervisor will work with the family to determine a payment schedule for these meals.

