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Questions & Answers 2020-2021

Do I have to fill out a Free/Reduced Meal application?

Yes, we need a new 2020-2021 application completed for each household. Please apply for meal benefits each year even if you think your household may not qualify. Senior students, please fill out an application even if you will not be on campus for meals. Free/Reduced percentages are used to determine the amount of federal money school districts receive.

Do I fill out an application for each child?

No, each child in a household should be on the same application.

Where do I get a Free/Reduced Meal application?

Applications are available at each school, Central Office, or at the Child Nutrition Office on Mullins School campus. Please wear a face mask while on school campuses.

Where do I turn in the completed Free/Reduced Meal application?

To ensure approval prior to the first day of school, submit completed applications to the drop box outside the Child Nutrition Office located on Mullins School campus. Please wear a face mask while on school campuses. Once school has started, applications can be turned in at the school cafeteria.

When is the deadline for turning in the Free/Reduced Meal application?

If your child does not have an approved 2020-2021 Free/Reduced Meal application on file by the first day of school he/she will have to pay for their meals.

If my child is not approved for Free/Reduced meals, can I apply again?

If your income is reduced at any time during the school year, please fill out another Free/Reduced meal application.

What are the meal prices?

Full Price Student Breakfast	\$1.25	Full Price Student Lunch	\$2.50
Reduced Student Breakfast	\$0.30	Reduced Price Student Lunch	\$0.40
		Student Lunch Extra Entrée	\$2.00
Teacher/Guest Breakfast	\$2.00	Teacher/Guest Lunch	\$3.25
		Teacher/Guest Extra Entrée	\$2.00

What payment methods do you accept?

Cash, check, and online payments via MySchoolBucks.

We highly encourage using My School Bucks online payment system especially during the Covid-19 pandemic to reduce the amount of germs spread while handling cash. Visit the Child Nutrition Website at www.olebrookcafe.org and click on MySchoolBucks. You may also use MySchoolBucks to check your child's balance and sign up to receive email alerts when the balance is low.

Can a student or staff charge a meal and pay later?

Neither students nor adults will be allowed to charge meals. If a student does not have money, he or she will be sent to the office to borrow money or call home for money.

Where can I find the monthly menus?

Menus can be found on the Child Nutrition website www.olebrookcafe.org and click on the Menus tab.

Download our menu app available in the Apple Store and Google Play. Search for “Web Menus for School Nutrition and Fitness”.

Find our menus on Facebook! www.facebook.com/olebrookcafe

What if my student has a food allergy?

Students with a disability that requires them not to consume certain foods must send a statement from a licensed physician. Go to www.olebrookcafe.org to download and print the form for the physician to fill out. You may fax the completed form to 601-833-2852. Statements must be updated at the beginning of every school year. Once the Child Nutrition Office has received the statement from the doctor, the diet order cannot be changed without another statement from the doctor. Under no circumstances can the Child Nutrition staff change or revise the diet order once issued by the physician. Due to USDA regulations juice or bottled water cannot be substituted for milk free of charge.

What safety precautions are the cafeterias taking during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Cafeteria workers are following all food safety guidelines as always. Workers will be required to take their temperature before work each day. Workers will wear gloves and masks while preparing and serving food. Plexiglass safety barriers have been installed where necessary. All surfaces are being sanitized frequently. Hand sanitizer will be available. Social Distancing stickers will be placed on the cafeteria floor so that students will have a guide to stand 6-feet apart.

How will breakfast be served during the Covid-19 pandemic?

When the regular school year starts (planned for August 31st), after a student is dropped off in the morning by bus or by a parent, they will be allowed to go to the cafeteria to pick up a breakfast. At schools where social distancing is possible, students will remain in the dining room to eat. At schools where social distancing is not possible, students will take their breakfast to eat in the classroom.

How will lunch be served during the Covid-19 pandemic?

When the regular school year starts (planned for August 31st), students will go to the cafeteria with their class, pick up a lunch, and take it back to their classroom to eat.

During the hybrid schedule, can students get meals from the cafeteria on the days they are not scheduled to be on campus?

YES! While we are on a hybrid schedule, Grab-and-Go breakfast and lunch will be available on the days your child is not scheduled to be on campus. Meals can be picked up at Mullins Campus from 10:30 am – 11:30 am each weekday. NEW! Parents can pick up meals without the student present. A student or parent will enter the cafeteria at Mullins, pick up a grab-and-go meal that includes breakfast and lunch, give their cafeteria number to the cashier, take their meals and exit the campus. To receive a meal, students must be enrolled at Brookhaven School District for the current school year. A student with a free status will receive the meals free. A student with a reduced or paying status will be required to pay for the meals (paying with MySchoolBucks is highly encouraged).

Can students who are full-time At-Home Learning get meals from the cafeteria?

YES! Grab-and-Go breakfast and lunch will be available for At-Home Learning students at Mullins Campus from 10:30 am – 11:30 am each weekday. NEW! Parents can pick up meals without the student with them. A student or parent will enter the cafeteria at Mullins, pick up a grab-and-go meal that includes breakfast and lunch, give their cafeteria number to the cashier, take their meals and exit the campus. To receive a meal, students must be enrolled at Brookhaven School District for the current school year. A student with a free status will receive the meals free. A student with a reduced or paying status will be required to pay for the meals (paying with MySchoolBucks is highly encouraged).