

School Nutrition Program

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back! During the coming school year your child will have the opportunity to eat school breakfast and lunch.

I would like to encourage you to fill out a Meal Application. Federal Money from a grant covers the cost of free and reduced priced Breakfast & Lunch. Meal Applications are available at each office. All information is kept totally confidential. If your child qualifies for the program they are set up, with an account, identical to our paying customers. There is no way to tell our free and reduced customers from our paid customers. In the Elementary 68% of the kids are in the free and reduced Breakfast & Lunch program.

If you receive TANF or Basic Food your Children may automatically qualify for free meals – Please let us know. If you have been approved for Basic Food but do not actually receive Basic Food dollars, you must apply for free and reduced-price meal benefits by filling out a meal application and returning it to your child's school.

The School Breakfast & Lunch menus are kid friendly. Breakfast and lunch are scheduled to insure no children go longer than the four hours (without food) maximum. There are at least two entrée choices every day for breakfast and lunch. A chef salad lunch and a sandwich sack lunch with fruit, bread and milk are also available daily. All of our menus are planned to meet the recommended dietary guidelines for the children we feed. These meals are an excellent value even if you don't qualify for free or reduced program. The meal prices are on the menus.

If your child does not qualify for the free or reduced priced Breakfast & Lunch they can still take advantage of this program by depositing money on their meal account. Payments can be made at the office or in the meal lines to the cashier. We ask, if possible, to please pay for a minimum of one week's worth of meals at a time, to help keep meal lines moving fast. Please remember to attach your child's full name to the payment. Please attach directions if you want your payment split between students' accounts.

You can check **Meal Account Balances** on SKYWARD Family Access. It is on the Left under "General Information", then click on "Food Service". You can also find our **Menus and Meal Applications** at the school website www.onysd.wednet.edu under "Departments" then "Food Service".

Charging: Students are allowed to charge 5 meals max.

Returning again this year those qualifying for reduced priced lunch (\$0.40), receive breakfast free. Also K-3 reduced receive free lunch.

Please reapply, for free and reduced meals, anytime if your income decreases or household members increase. Approved Meal Applications are good through the first 30 school days of the next school year.

Tawnya White processes all of the applications we receive. If you need help or have any questions she will be glad to help! You can reach her at 978-4111 x 311 or twhite@onysd.wednet.edu

If I can help or answer any questions please contact me at 978-4111 option 6 or jcarlson@onysd.wednet.edu

Sincerely,

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