

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SCHOOL MEALS



FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023



Last year the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) offered waivers to Child Nutrition (CN) Programs across the United States, allowing these programs to offer all students breakfast and lunch, at no charge. These waivers will expire on June 30, 2022. This means that starting next school year, 2022-2023, nutrition programs across the nation will return to normal, pre- pandemic operations.

Families will once again be asked to complete and submit a current school year Free/Reduced Meal Application to see if their students qualify based on the income of all family members. In the past years, the first 30 days of the school year carryover status from the previous school year. Since there were very few meal applications submitted over the past couple of years, there are a few things that parents/guardians can do to ensure their students are ready to start the 2022-23 school year and eliminate the possibility of charges at the start of the year...

1. Complete a 2021-22 meal application. This will give the student(s) a 30-day carryover status to start the 2022-23 school year and give families time to complete the new 2022-23 meal application at the start of the school year.
2. Be on the watch for the new 2022-23 meal application to complete as soon as it is made available by USDA before the start of the school year. Doing this will cover the student for the entire 2022-23 school year and no other steps will be necessary unless there is an income change during the school year.

We will provide notification as soon as USDA makes the new 2022-23 meal application available in order for all families to be able to complete the meal application as soon as possible at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year. Meal applications can be completed in two ways...

1. For your convenience, meal applications can be completed online by going to the district website and using the following link: <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>
Once you have completed the application, you will receive an instant notification of your child's approval status.
2. Paper meal applications can also be picked up at the student's school. These meal applications need to be completed in entirety and returned to the student's school.

The Food Service Department at Northwestern Local Schools is committed to assisting families and making this transition back to normal operations as easy as possible. Please feel free to contact our offices at

937-964-1318 ext. 3122

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