



Funding passed through to our town to support free meals to all students has been exhausted. Effective December 1, 2022 all meals will be fully paid, unless your children qualify for free or reduced school meals.

The price for school breakfast and lunch as of December 1st is below. Students who qualify for reduced-price meals will pay \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. Students who qualify for free meals can receive one breakfast and one lunch each school day at no cost. Milk is included in lunch, but the charge for any student buying extra milk or a milk with no lunch is \$0.50.

Recent studies prove that the healthiest meals children eat all day are those they eat in school. In addition, students who consume school meals typically eat more fruits and vegetables than students who do not eat school meals. Our school lunch program not only supports our students, it also supports our cafeteria workers and our local farms.

Thank you for your support and please email any questions to Jen Bove at jbove@easthamptonct.org.

Frequently asked questions:

How do we pay for our school meals?

Students will pay for their breakfast and lunch using their Meal Magic lunch account. If you have not yet set up a Meal Magic account, or you need to add funds to your students' accounts, please go to our website at <https://www.easthamptonps.org/page/nutritional-services-and-school-lunch>, click on Meal Magic Family Payment Portal and follow the instructions. To view the Unpaid Meal Fee Protocol for EHPS, please go to https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/117/District/2179590/Unpaid_Meal_Fee_Protocol_2022-23.pdf.

How do we qualify for free or reduced price meals?

If you think that you may qualify for free or reduced price meals, please go to our website at <https://www.easthamptonps.org/page/nutritional-services-and-school-lunch> to fill out a free and reduced lunch application. Please note that the income level required for eligibility for SNAP (formerly food stamps) was raised as of October 1st, so some families who previously did not qualify for SNAP may now qualify. Any students who receive SNAP benefits are automatically eligible for free school meals, so please visit our website and click on the + sign beside Applying for Free and Reduced Meals to learn more about applying for SNAP.

How much will meals cost on December 1? School Breakfast = \$2.25 at all schools.

Memorial Lunch = \$3.50

Middle School Lunch = \$3.75

Center Lunch = \$3.50

High School Lunch = \$4.00 (\$4.50 for full Salad Bar)

Every school lunch includes lean protein, a whole grain, a selection of both fruits and vegetables, and a low fat milk.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
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