

2023-2024 FCSD School Breakfast & Lunch Program Procedures

FCSD participates in the USDA NSLP and NSBP. All Breakfasts and Lunches served are in compliance with the USDA “Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act 2010” regulations.

MEAL SERVICE:

Breakfast Service: All schools Breakfast service is from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Those students arriving on a late Bus will be allowed ample time for breakfast.

Lunch Service: All schools Lunch service is from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch service times are adjusted for school days with 12:18 a.m. and 2:12 dismissal schedules.

Delayed Start days: No Breakfast will be served and Lunch periods should not be affected.

Meal Prices:

Breakfast for Pre-K-12 grade students is \$ 2.00.

Lunch for Pre-K- 8 grade students is \$2.95 and 9-12 grade \$3.05.

Milk for Pre-K- 12 grade students may be purchases for \$0.40.

Ala Carte prices are posted on the school district website, www.dist265.com

Menus for each school are posted on the school district website, www.dist265.com monthly. Menu Nutrition information may be requested by contacting Director of Food Services, thru the school district website. We participate in the USDA NSLP/NSBP and Offer vs. Serve program Students 1 – 12 Grade have the option choosing 3 of the Five items offered for a meal. It is required for a Fruit or Vegetable to be one of the 3 items per “**Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act 2010**”.

Free or Reduced Price Meal Benefits: Free or Reduced Price Meals are available for qualifying students based on Household Income. Those families that do not automatically qualify for Free Meals by receiving a Direct Certification Letter from the school district in July, will need to apply for benefits with a Household Application at time of registration. **Household Applications for school year 2023-2024 will be available on July 1, 2023** through Skyward Family Access, on the school district website, or a paper Household Application can be mailed to you by contacting the Director of Food Services.

MEAL DEPOSITS:

Elementary Students: Students are to hand their Meal deposit money to their Teacher or Parents may drop off Meal deposit money in the Elementary office. The deposits are picked up daily at 9:00 am and applied to their account by 10:30 am. Deposits missing the 9:00am pickup time may not be applied to the students account till the following day.

Jr. High AND High School Students: Deposits will be accepted by the cashiers during breakfast and lunch periods and applied to accounts at that time. Parents may also drop off meal deposits at the Jr. High and High school offices or the Food Directors office.

Credit Card Payment: Deposits may be made thru Skyward Family Access located on the school district website www.dist265.com .

STUDENTS FOOD SERVICE ACCOUNTS:

It is the responsibility of Parents/Guardians to provide monies for Student Meals and keep a Students Food Service account from becoming negative. Students Food Service accounts must remain current. FCSD is required by USDA and ISBE of maintaining the financial viability of our food service operations.

Food Service Account Balance Notification: It is the responsibility of the Parent for the Students Account Balances. Student Meal balances can be accessed on the school district website www.dist265.com through Skyward Parental Access.

Account Balance Notification: FCSD will notify Households of students balances via email or School Messenger phone message system. These balances are after end of school meal service the date phone or email message is sent. Negative Balance Notices will mailed home to Parents quarterly.

Account balances drop below \$5.00: Notice sent on Wednesdays of each week.
Account balance becomes Negative: Notices are sent daily.

If a Parent elects to opt out of phone/email notifications, the Parent will not receive any notification for student account balances and will need to access this information through Skyward Parental Access.

End of Year Account Balances: All Food Service account balances will rollover to next school year. Refunds of Food Service account balances are only made upon students transferring to another school district. All negative Food Service account balances must be paid prior to graduating 8th Grade and 12th Grade or transferring to another school District.

High School Senior's Food Service Accounts: All Negative Food Service Account balances MUST be paid prior to Graduation Practice. Any money on Senior's Food Service accounts will be: 1) Transferred to a Siblings Food Service account or 2) Refunded cash on day of Graduation Practice.

UNPAID MEAL BALANCES:

Unpaid Meal Charges are considered delinquent debt when payment is overdue as defined by Board Policy 4:45 *Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery*. The District will make reasonable efforts to collect charges classified as delinquent debt. If a parent/guardian regularly fails to provide meal money and does not qualify for Free Meal benefits, the Building Principal or designee, will direct the next course of action. Continual failure to provide meal money for student/s may require the District to notify the Il. Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and /or take legal steps to recover the unpaid meal charges.

Meal Account Balances Exceeding a Negative Balance of \$-0.01: *NO ALA CARTE PURCHASES WILL BE ALLOWED.*

Meal Account Balances with Negative Balances: A Report of Household with Student/s with excessive Negative Meal Balances will be reported to the Superintendent and the School Board.

Please contact Sue Arbogast for any questions concerning FCSD School Lunch and Breakfast Program.

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