



Meridian Public School
Food Service News
Update for 2018-19
School Year

Dear Meridian School Parent or Guardian:

Welcome back to you and your student. We hope you are well rested and ready to begin another year at Meridian Public Schools. As a district, we are excited that you are here and hope you and your student will let us serve you breakfast and lunch daily so you can get the best nutrition and choices. For the upcoming school year, there are some items that will need your attention. Some of them are:

- **Efunds**-this is the online payment system is available for food service and child care payments. Access will be found at merps.org
- **Free and reduced applications need to be filled out each year. Status from previous year extends until October 15, 2018**, at which time if a current application is not received, student status will go back to full pay, and you will be responsible for those charges.
- **On line applications** are available at merps.org. Look for Lunchapp.com to submit. Paper applications are available in all buildings. One will be sent home with your child on the first day of school.
- **Breakfast is still free to all students in all buildings. Please encourage students to take advantage of this.** High School scheduling remains the same with one lunch period. Don't forget we have a 2nd chance breakfast opportunity, and that will be available after 1st period for about 10 minutes.
- **Nutrislice**-this is a program that is available to you and your student that analyzes the nutritional information of each item we serve, including allergies, & carb info. Available from the Food Service page at merps.org

2018-19 School Year Full Meal Prices

There will be no increase in meal prices for the 18-19 school year.

We have seen a rise in food prices and that will continue over the next several years due to increasing transportation costs and the continued rollout of the new meal legislative requirements, but prices will remain the same. Meal prices are determined by **Meridian Public Schools** leadership.

\$ 0 Elementary & Sanford Breakfast	\$ 0 Middle School Breakfast	\$ 0 High School Breakfast
\$2.75 Elementary Lunch	\$3.00 Middle School Type A Lunch	\$3.00 High School Type A Lunch
	\$3.15 Middle School Type B Lunch	\$3.15 High school Type B Lunch

New JH Students

Incoming 5th graders will see many more choices than they have previously had at the elementary building. On any given day, they will have as many as 5-6 lunch choices, and many for breakfast (free) as well. Any of these meals may be purchased by any student, regardless of status. Also, there are many ala carte items that are not included in the regular meal pricing. Price lists will be posted. They may see bottled water, flavored waters, and other beverages, as well as healthy snacks. You may want to discuss some of these options with your student before school begins.

Chartwells School Dining Services manages the food service department at **Meridian Public Schools** and has made strides in incorporating several initiatives that will allow for a positive & nutritious experience for your student. Both Meridian and Chartwells are dedicated to providing quality nutritious meals that students will enjoy and choose to eat.

We hope you will encourage your students to try new fruits and vegetables and you will join us for a meal at school to see options students are offered. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at **989-687-3212** or via email at **Krystal.Hoernlein@merps.org**

Sincerely,

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