



Dear Parents of Branford Public Schools Students,

The beginning of the school year will start soon and the Chartwells School Dining Services' mission is to serve nutritious, well-balanced meals that appeal to our students and school community. School meals are a great value and convenience for busy families. We look forward to welcoming your children to our cafes this fall!

What can my student select? Each day we offer multiple hot and cold options. The lunch meal includes whole grains, variety of proteins (including vegetarian), fresh fruits, vegetables, and skim or low-fat milk.

Where do I access the menu? Menus are posted on the Branford Schools website and can be found at <https://branford.nutrislice.com>. Daily and weekly menus can also be accessed via your mobile device by downloading "School Lunch by Nutrislice" App from the App store.

What is the cost of a meal? Breakfast is \$1.85 at all schools. Lunch is \$3.10 at the Elementary schools and \$3.35 at Walsh Intermediate and Branford High School.

How do I pay? Each student is set up with a lunch account in the Nutri-Kids system based on your student's ID number. There are three ways to add money to your child's account:

1. **MySchoolBucks:** You may set up an account through a secure online website www.myschoolbucks.com and pre-pay whatever dollar amount you choose. You may also make payment directly from your bank account. You will need your child's name, student ID number and school zip code to set up an account on mySchoolBucks.com. You may call your school office to obtain the student ID number.

MySchoolBucks will enable you to monitor your student's daily purchases as well as set up an email reminder when your student's balance needs to be replenished. You can access this information regardless of whether you use the system to put money on account.

2. **Payment by Check:** You may send in a check to the Chartwells Dining Services c/o Branford Schools, 185 East Main Street, Branford, CT 06405. Alternatively, have your child bring the check to a café cashier. Checks should be made payable to *Branford School Lunch Program*. Please put your child's name in the memo section of the check.
3. **Cash Payments:** Your child may pay with cash at any time or use cash to add funds to his/her account. If using cash to add to an account, please indicate your child's name and student ID number on the face of the envelope.

What if my child qualifies for free or reduced price meals? There will be no charge to his/her account for a free lunch and a \$.40 charge for a reduced student lunch. Your student will need to have money on account for any additional purchases other than the student lunch (e.g., snacks).

Chartwells is dedicated to providing high quality, nutritious meals that students will enjoy and choose to eat. The Branford Board of Education has elected again this year to participate in Healthy Food Certification. This ensures our meals, snacks, and beverages meet or exceed the standards for healthy eating as set forth by the USDA and the State of Connecticut.

We hope you will encourage your child/children to select a meal and try new fruits and vegetables. If you have questions, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 203-315-6741 or via email at branfordcafe@branfordschools.org.

Sincerely,

John Turenne
Director of Dining Services