Wheaton R-III Meal Policy

The Wheaton R-III School District's Food Service's priority is to provide each student with the most nutritious and enjoyable meals possible. By addressing student needs in the areas of hunger, food and nutrition, we feel that students will perform better in school, thus leading to success in life.

A free and reduced lunch program is available to all students whose parents/guardians qualify according to federal guidelines. You must submit an application each year to be considered for free or reduced price meals. Even if your child received free or reduced price meals last year, you must submit a new application every year. Free and reduced applications will be made available to students at the beginning of each school year and are available throughout the year if changes occur. If you think your child may be eligible for free or reduced price meals, please submit a school meal application. Applications are available at your child's office Monday through Friday. We are happy to help you complete the application. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Wheaton R-III School District.

In order to serve healthy, high-quality meals to all children, we must make sure we are financially secure. Parents/Guardians play a key role in this effort, and are responsible for any extra purchases made by your child in our school cafeteria. Money can be deposited at any time to student's accounts for any extra full price items purchased such as additional lunch, breakfast trays, ala carte items and snack milk.

Paying back a debt shows your personal responsibility. It also keeps our food service program strong and ensures all children at our school have access to the healthy food they need to focus in the classroom. We understand that mistakes happen. But meal payments are important to our program, and we must collect your cafeteria debt. Wheaton R-III has many simple payment options for you to choose from. No matter which payment option you choose, please remember that the current negative balance must be paid as soon as possible.

Pay in the Mail: Send a check to Wheaton R-III School District, PO Box 249, MO 64874. Checks should be made payable to Wheaton R-III School District. Please include your child's name when sending a payment.

Pay in Person: Stop by your child's school office between 8:00 am and 3:30 pm Monday through Friday to pay by cash or a check. You may also send cash or a check to school with your child. Checks should be made payable to Wheaton R-III School District.

Payment Plan: If your family is experiencing a financial setback, please contact us so we can help. We are willing to work with you to develop a payment plan for your debt. We can also assist you in applying for free or reduced price meal benefits.

After paying back your debt, we encourage you to create a "safety net" for your child. Pre-paying for your child's meals is a simpler way of managing their account, and prevents unpaid meal charges.