



Child Nutrition Virtual Learning Meal Options (September 16, 2020)

USDA has allowed schools to operate under the Seamless Summer Option, which permits schools to serve meals at no cost to all children ages 18 and under, through December 31, 2020. The School District of Newberry County implemented this option September 8. USDA has made the waiver retroactive to September 1. The Office of Child Nutrition has completed making adjustments to all student accounts that were charged for meals September 1-4.

Effective immediately, pre-order forms are no longer needed to track meal orders. This applies to Hybrid and Virtual Learners. Take Home Meals will continue to be offered to students attending school on Mondays and Tuesdays. Every Wednesday, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., cafeteria staff will be on site at each school to distribute meals for parents to pick up. If you need to pick up meals earlier than 10:00 a.m., please contact the school manager to see if your request can be accommodated. Children should be present in the vehicle or parents may show their child's student ID at time of pick up. If you have multiple children at different schools, you can choose one location to pick up all of your meals.

The USDA Seamless Summer Option waiver is dependent upon available funds. It is encouraged that families complete a Free/Reduced Meal application in case funds are depleted prior to December 31, 2020. Meal applications are available on our website at <https://ncsdnutrition.com>

No. Really. Take the Meals.

Reasons why you should take advantage of the free school meals being offered:

- It extends your food budget & saves you time prepping lunches
- It's comforting & familiar to your kids to have food from school
- It's confidential & not just for low income people
- You're helping the local food service program stay financially afloat
- You're helping the food program use up food inventory = less waste

USDA is covering the cost for these meals during COVID-19

You're not taking it away from someone who needs it more

Take a break from distance learning & come get some meals