

Meal Prices

- Student meal prices will remain the same for the 2017-18 school year. **Elementary** students will pay **\$1.00 for breakfast and \$1.50 for lunch. Secondary students will pay \$1.00 for breakfast and \$1.75 for lunch. Reduced price meals** to all students are **\$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch.** We believe that school meals are one of the best bargains around, especially since food prices have increased at the grocery store!

Meal Payments

- JPPSS has an established “**No Charge Policy**” for meals served to paying students or for extra sales items purchased in school cafeterias. Students required to pay for their meals will be offered a **snack meal** if they do not have either a positive account balance or cash to pay for their meals.
- Students who were enrolled in JPPSS schools during 2016-17 are temporarily eligible to receive meals based on last year’s meal payment status (Free, Reduced, or Full Price) until **September 21, 2017 OR until a 2017-18 meal application is processed, whichever occurs first. If no application is processed by the cutoff date shown above, the student’s status will automatically change to full price payment on September 22, 2017.**
- Students enrolling for the **first time for the 2017-18 school year** in a **non-CEP** JPPSS school and who **do not** have siblings who were enrolled last year, are required to **pay full price for meals beginning on the first day of school at breakfast** until their meal application is processed.
- **Newly enrolled siblings** of students who attended a JPPSS school during 2016-2017 school year are temporarily eligible to receive meals based on their sibling’s status **IF** the status was based on income **OR** if someone in the household receives SNAP, FDPIR, or FITAP benefits. It is the **parent’s responsibility** to notify the Food Services office if you have a newly enrolled child that qualifies for this benefit.
- For your convenience, a list of school cafeteria managers and their direct phone numbers is posted on the Food Services Website, <http://jpschools.org/department/food-services>

Pre-Payment of Meals / Extra Sale Items

- Parents may choose to pre-pay for their child’s meals or extra sales purchases by sending cash, check (if accepted by the school), or by using MyPaymentsPlus. MyPaymentsPlus allows any family to create a secure account to check their child’s account meal balance, monitor what the child has purchased in the cafeteria and create settings to receive email notifications when the account reaches a low balance. For a small program fee, a pre-payment by check, credit or debit card may be made to the child’s account at www.mypaymentsplus.com or by calling **877-713-5436**. You will need to know your child’s Person ID number to create an account. Your cafeteria manager can provide this number if necessary. Funds deposited through MyPaymentsPlus are usually credited to the child’s account quickly, reducing the worry about lost or forgotten money for meals.

School Meal Requirements

- Please remind your children about the following meal requirements:
- Lunch – students **must select a ½ cup serving of either fruit or vegetable as part of their meal.**
- Breakfast - students **must select a ½ cup serving of fruit as part of their meal.**

Act 737

- Act 737 passed by the Louisiana Legislature requires that school officials must notify the Department of Children and Family Services after the 3rd denial of a meal for failure to pay the required funds for the meal. The Food Services Department will provide a written notice to principals to send home on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd such occurrences. The designated school official will file the required notice and information on this issue will also be reported to the Louisiana Department of Education, as required by law.

Special Diets

- If your child requires a special diet at school, we ask that you complete the “**Medical Statement to Request Meal Modification**” form available from your school’s cafeteria manager or on the Food Services website. Completion of this form is very important so that we may provide the appropriate foods for your child based on his medical condition. **Students will not be provided a modified meal without this proper documentation from a recognized medical authority.**

Best Regards,
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