

# Food Service Information

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### Student Meal Account Restrictions

Parents wishing to restrict their child's meal account must complete a new form. The Student Meal Account Restrictions form can be completed and turned in to the Cafeteria Manager. The restrictions will be programmed into the point-of-sale software and specific messages will pop up on the cash register when the students enter their PIN. Any restrictions previously requested will not be honored without completion of this new form. Please note that food allergies must be documented with a physician's prescription.

### Computerized Cafeteria Accounts

*In order to improve service to our students, parents and teachers, a computerized debit system is used in your cafeteria.*

### How does the system work?

The system works just like a checking account. Deposits are made to the student's individual account and purchases are deducted from the balance.

Each student is issued a personal identification number (PIN) containing 3 to 5 digits. During meal time students enter this number on a keypad, which accesses their account. The student's name and balance are displayed on the cashier's screen for identification and the purchases are deducted from the account balance.

### How are deposits made to a student's account?

There are two ways for parents to deposit funds into a student's account.

1. The Cafeteria manager collects deposits in the morning before school starts while serving breakfast in the Cafeteria. Deposits are immediately entered into the student's account.
2. **Online credit card payments** can be made by registering on [www.paypams.com](http://www.paypams.com). There is a \$1.95 transaction fee for each online deposit, per student account. (Please allow 24-48 hrs. for the online payment to be posted to the student's account.)

Parents will need the student's ID number in order to register on the PayPAMS website. Please call the Student Nutrition Office at 972-727-0544 for assistance.

### How do students know their balance?

Students will be notified by the cashier when their balance falls below \$4.00 at the end of a transaction.

Students can also check their balance two ways.

1. When making purchase, a student may ask the cashier for the account balance.
2. Students may enter their PIN at any time that the cashier is at the cash register and obtain the account balance.

**Parents** can use the PayPAMS website to check an account balance or purchasing history at no cost. Go to [www.paypams.com](http://www.paypams.com) to register. If you choose to make a deposit, there is a \$1.95 transaction fee for each online deposit, per student account.

### Cafeteria Pricing

Student Breakfast	\$1.05
Student Plate Lunch	\$1.90
Reduced Price Breakfast/Lunch	\$.30/.40
Adult Breakfast/Lunch	\$1.30/\$2.55

### Is charging allowed?

A student may charge **ONE plate lunch** if there are insufficient funds in the account to cover the purchase. Extra menu items and ala carte items can not be charged.

**Additional purchases are not allowed until there is a positive balance in the student's account.**

An "Alternate Meal" consisting of 3 side dishes and one milk will be offered. (No entrée with this meal)

### Super Saver Discount

With every deposit of **\$50.00** to each student's account, your child will receive **one free plate lunch.**

### Ala Carte Snack & Beverage Purchases

A variety of healthy snacks, that are low in fat and added sugar, are offered to students.

However, snack purchases at lunchtime are limited in the elementary schools as follows:

**Kindergarten students are offered one snack on one particular day each week.**

**Grades 1 to 4 are limited to ONE snack or beverage per day.**

**Grades 5 & 6 are limited to TWO snacks or beverages per day.**

Parents can restrict meal accounts by completing the attached "**Student Meal Account Restrictions**" form and returning it to the Cafeteria Manager. (Requests from previous school years will not be honored.)

### Do We Make The Grade?

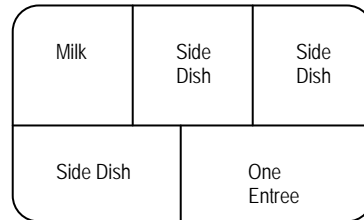
Students and parents are encouraged to complete the online satisfaction survey at [www.allenisd.org](http://www.allenisd.org) under Departments, Student Nutrition.

### Elementary School Plate Lunch

The Plate Lunch includes

- 1 Entrée plus
- 3 Side Dishes
- 1 Milk

This is a diagram of a lunch tray.



Students must take 1 Entrée plus at least 2 side dishes to be charged for a Plate Lunch.

Milk is a menu item, offered daily, but not a required component of a meal. Fruit juice is offered daily and counts as a side dish. There is no substitute for milk on a tray. (For example, juice, water or a side dish can not be substituted for milk on a tray.)

Students choosing an additional Entrée or more than 3 different side dishes will be charged extra for the items chosen.

Duplicate servings of the same menu item cost extra.

Snacks and beverages (other than menu items) are charged on an ala carte basis. Pricing of all menu items and ala carte items are posted in each cafeteria serving area.

### Breakfast is important!!

**Research has shown that there is a link between eating breakfast and being ready to learn!!**

Breakfast is offered every morning in the cafeteria!!

Breakfast consists of a choice of a hot entrée or cereal with fruit or juice and milk for an economical price!

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