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Welcome to Floresville Independent School District Child Nutrition Services. The Child Nutrition Services Department will hopefully be a big part of your children's daily experience, and we hope to make that part of their day as enjoyable as we can. With this in mind the following are guidelines that will make the first days smoother for your child in the cafeteria:

- Returning students may use last year's (2015-2016) application for the first 30 school days of the new year. After those 30 days have expired, if a new application (2016-2017) has not been filed with the free and reduced clerk, **then your student's status will change to "paid" status even if your student had been free or reduced, and you will be responsible for all charges that your student incurs.** Please fill out a new application as soon as you can to avoid having your student's status change.
- The Free and Reduced Application Processor has 10 (ten) business days to process applications from the time she receives it on her desk. If you are a new student to the district, please send breakfast and lunch money to cover these first ten (10) days of school, so your student does not incur charges to their account. You are responsible for all charges to your students account before your student has been accepted as a free or reduced student.

CHARGE POLICY

1. Each student will be able to charge the following meals including breakfast and lunch according to the following:
2. Elementary: Paid – \$5.40 Reduced - \$0.80 (equals 2 lunch meals), Middle/High: Paid - \$8.60, Reduced - \$1.40 (equals 2 breakfast + 2 lunch meals)
3. After reaching the charge limit(s) listed above the student will receive a reimbursable (bonus) meal for (3) days.
4. The manager will call the parent/guardian informing them the student's meal account has a negative balance and that the student will receive a reimbursable (bonus) meal for (3) days.
5. After the 3rd reimbursable (bonus) meals the student will begin to receive an alternate meal until their account balance has been paid. An alternate meal consists of a cheese sandwich and milk.
(Please note that student will continue to receive an alternate meal until account balance has been paid. In addition, students with a negative balance will not be able to purchase ala carte items.)
6. The parent/guardian will have three options to resolve the negative balance. (1) Send check or cash (2) pay cash, check or credit card online at myschoolbucks.com. If paying online, even though the system credits your child's account automatically, it does take 24-48 hours for the monies to show in your child's account on the cafeteria monitors. Or (3) contact the Child Nutrition office at 830-393-5357 to set a repayment schedule for the meal charges.
7. The **first Friday in May** is the last day for charges of any type. If your student does not bring money for their meals on a daily or weekly basis, or they do not have a positive balance in their account:
 - All student **will be** given the alternative meal if they do not bring money to school or do not have a positive balance in their account to pay for that day's meals.
8. FISD is unable to accommodate credit or debit cards at the cafeterias or if you call the parent line.
9. The Child Nutrition Department does not allow for students to transfer money from their account to another student account even if it is a sibling however, money can be transferred with written parental approval.
10. If your child is at or over the limit, has not brought money with them for that day's meals, the cafeteria staff will not be able to allow your child to charge if they are already at the limit of charging.

11. Please insure that your children have money in their account or have cash to pay for each day's meals.

- **Due to the changes in the Federal Laws concerning the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act, FISD has had to raise the paid lunch price at the Elementary and Secondary levels. Breakfast prices have not been raised.**

FISD BOARD APPROVED MENU PRICES FOR THE 2016 - 2017 School Year

Paid	Breakfast	Lunch	Meals per day	Meals per week
Elementary	Free	\$2.70	\$2.70	\$13.50
Middle and High	\$1.50	\$2.80	\$4.30	\$21.50
Reduced	Breakfast	Lunch	Meals per day	Meals per week
Elementary	Free	\$0.40	\$0.40	\$2.00
Middle and High	.30	\$0.40	\$0.70	\$3.50
Adults	\$2.50	\$3.75	\$6.25	\$31.25

- If at any time you have questions concerning the cafeteria offerings, please call the parent line 830-393-5357.

Breakfast in the Classroom

Floresville Elementary Schools will offer Breakfast in the Classroom throughout the school year. Breakfast is free for every student and will be served breakfast in the classroom.

Eating breakfast at school helps children learn. Studies show that children who eat breakfast at the start of their school day have higher math and reading scores. They have sharper memory and show faster speed on cognitive tests. They have broader vocabularies. They do better on standardized tests. They focus better and behave better. Eating breakfast at school has health benefits too. Children are less likely to be absent. They're less likely to see the school nurse and less likely to be overweight. They eat more fruit, drink more milk and consume a wider variety of foods.

Allergies and Food Intolerances:

New guidelines have been established for serving children with Food Allergies and Food Intolerances:

If your student has turned in a "Doctors note" describing a food allergy or intolerance The FISD child nutrition department is now being directed to have an **updated form each year**. We are no longer able to accept a doctor's note on a prescription pad as sufficient information. We must have the Texas Department of Agriculture's form on file in the Child Nutrition Department office before we are able to accommodate any special dietary need. This form is available on our website or we can mail you a copy. Accommodation of any non life threatening food intolerance will be done on a case by case basis.

Sincerely,

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