



CHILD NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that all students of the Lee County School District will receive FREE breakfast and lunch each day of the 2021-2022 school year under the Seamless Summer Option made available through the USDA.

Though students will not have to qualify for free meals this school year, we ask that all guardians **submit a SY21-22 Free/Reduced Meal Application** online via www.MySchoolApps.com. This is because the meal application status is used for so much more than simply free food in the cafeteria. Students that qualify for free/reduced priced meals are eligible for discounted ACT and PSAT fees. Households of qualified students are eligible for benefits such as discounted internet and phone services, and most recently, pandemic electronic benefit transfer (P-EBT).

P-EBT benefits issued through the USDA are strictly given only to families whose students qualify for free and reduced price meals. Parents must verify their correct mailing address is on file with their child's school. Guardians needing a computer to complete their meal application may contact their child's school to use the school library or the Child Nutrition Dept. to complete one in our office. Only one application should be submitted per household (all students in the same household on one application).

We hope you will send your child to school ready to eat school breakfast and lunch meals with us. We also want to inform you of our **Lunch Box Helpers Program**, where all students who bring a lunch from home may pick up a **free** serving of fruit, vegetable and milk to complement their meal. It is our mission to go beyond the cafeteria by nourishing the hearts, bodies and minds of all of our students so they are fit, focused and ready to learn in the classroom.

You will find our menus, pertinent forms and special updates regarding the child nutrition program via our website www.leecountyschools.us, and don't forget to keep up with us on Instagram: @leecounty_childnutrition.

Customer meal accounts are created and monitored at www.MySchoolBucks.com where funds may be added via website or the free mobile app for extra food sales and adult meals. You may also use prepay deposit envelopes (located at schools) to send cash or check with your student for account payments. Prepayments to accounts are highly encouraged so no money has to be exchanged during meal time. All account balances roll over each year and refunds are available upon request, only when the account holder is withdrawing from the school district, such as a graduating senior or retiring teacher. Our Donation Refund Request form may be found on our website.

We are extremely excited to serve our students and staff during the 2021-2022 school year! Safe service is our first priority as we are adhering to all local, state and federal regulations in the cafeteria. We thank you and your children for choosing school food! If you need assistance with any matter regarding child nutrition, please contact us.

Very Respectfully,

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