

# SCHOOL MEALS

## Breakfast and Lunch:

The Lynden School District participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program sponsored by the USDA. Each entrée is accompanied by a fresh fruit and vegetable harvest bar selection, along with 1% white milk or non-fat Chocolate milk.

We are proudly serving students nutritious meals every day:

- Whole Grain Breads, Wraps, Pasta and Rolls.
- Harvest Self Server Bars that may consist of: Broccoli, Cauliflower, Carrots, Apples, Oranges, Romaine, Spinach, Watermelon, Strawberries, Bananas, Legumes and other seasonal varieties.
- Low-fat Dressings
- Low Fat 1% White Milk and Fat Free Chocolate Milk
  - Milk comes free with breakfast or lunch.
  - If your child just wants milk they will be charged \$0.50 for an a la carte item.

	Elementary	Middle and High School
<b>FULL PAY</b>	BRK: \$1.50 LUNCH: \$2.75 <i>Ala Carte Milk \$0.50</i>	BRK: \$1.75 LUNCH: \$3.00 <i>Ala Carte Milk \$0.50</i>
<b>REDUCED</b>	BRK: Free LUNCH: Free* (K-3rd grade) \$0.40 (4 <sup>TH</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade) *There is enough state funding to cover the co-pay for reduced price students K-3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	BRK: Free LUNCH: \$0.40
<b>FREE</b>	BRK: Free LUNCH: Free	BRK: Free LUNCH: Free
<b>Adult</b>	BRK: \$2.00 LUNCH: \$4.00 <i>All Schools Ala Carte: Milk or Juice \$0.50</i>	

## How do I pay for school meals?

We accept checks, cash or you can make payments online at [www.MyMealtime.com](http://www.MyMealtime.com).

Make checks payable to **Lynden School District Food Service**.

We do not accept Canadian money or any other foreign currency.

## Can I pre-pay online and view student purchases?

Many parents enjoy the convenience of using our online program at [www.MyMealtime.com](http://www.MyMealtime.com). All students are assigned an ID Number when they enter the district. Using the student ID number while access our online system will allow families to check balances, view purchases, request low balance email notifications, or make payments 24 hours a day from your computer. There is no charge to view purchases, receive email notifications, or check balances.

Once a day our point of sale system transmits deposit information to our school building terminals to make sure student accounts balances are current. If you miss this deadline, the account will not reflect the new balance until the following day. All balances follow your student into the next school year even if you student transfers to another school within our district.

## How do I request a refund?

You may request a refund at any point during the school year. Contact the Food & Nutrition Office at 360-354-7579 and a refund check will be mailed to your home 2-4 weeks after the request has been made.

## Charging Meals

Students intending to participate in the school meal program **must** have available funds in their meal account or have another payment option available for the cashier. In the event a student reaches the cashier and discovers they do not have funds for their meal, we will extend credit with the expectation that the parent/guardian will make a deposit within 24 hours. We strongly encourage families to utilize [www.MyMealtime.com](http://www.MyMealtime.com) to manage meal account balances and maintain a positive balance in their student meal account.

**Negative Balances:** Should a student meal account have a negative balance, parents will receive notifications at minimum on Monday and Wednesday. Please make every effort to bring the account positive within 24 hours to ensure your student has access to the school meal program.

## How can I learn more about applying for Free and Reduced Price Meals?

If you think you might qualify under federal guidelines, please complete a current application. Applications are available at each school or you can access a copy online at [www.lynden.wednet.edu](http://www.lynden.wednet.edu) under departments and food service. All information provided is kept confidential.

Eligible Students may receive Free Meals (no charge) or Reduced Price Meals (\$0.40). **Applications are accepted all year long.** According to government guidelines our office has **10 working days** to process an application once received by food services. **Turning in an application does not automatically approve a child for free or reduced meals.** A family will be notified by mail of their status or they can call the Food & Nutrition Office 360-354-7579 to check the status of their application. We do our best to approve them as soon as they are received.

**To qualify for these programs a guardian must fill out an application every school year and submit it to the Food & Nutrition Office.** Eligible students are based on total household income levels, household members, and/or federal assistance program qualifications (i.e. TANF, FDPIR and BASIC FOOD).

**Kindergarteners and new students do not automatically transfer to a sibling's eligibility. Please call the Food & Nutrition Office at 360-354-7579 if you have other family members using the meal program and/or to add students if you have already have an approved application.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Until officially approved by the nutrition office families are responsible for any student food purchases (ie. breakfast, lunch, extra milk or juice).**

**Please contact us if you have any questions or comments:**

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