



# Option 1: Face-to-Face Learners

## Food Services Update

### 2020-2021 School Year

Austintown Schools Food Services Department

The Food Services Department has continued to work diligently throughout the coronavirus pandemic to ensure food safety and access to meals for our students. The return to school for the 2020-2021 school year will have some changes, but making sure our students have nutrition meals will be the same. This document should help to explain our protocols, detail our expectations, and answer your questions. Reach out to our department [website](#) for more information or contact our office.

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#### **What Remains the Same for 2020-2021**

- **Free and Reduced Meal Applications MUST still be filled out each year, regardless of your student's learning option. Please apply at [LunchApplication.com](#)**
- Breakfast and lunch will be made available each day at each building for Option 1 face-to-face learners. Please see below for Option 2/3 learners.
- Students will still select and purchase their meals in the meal service lines with spacing and proper safety measures.
- Some of your favorite meal items will still be offered such as cream turkey, fiestadas, and popcorn chicken bowls.
- Food Allergies will still be followed
- Meal prices are building specific and meal status specific and the [District Charge Policy](#) will still be observed. Meal prices are remaining the same for 2020-2021:

School	Paid Lunch	Reduced Lunch	Paid Breakfast	Reduced Breakfast	Milk/Side	Entrée	WAM*
Fitch High School	\$3.00	\$0.40	\$1.50	\$0.30	\$0.50	\$1.75	\$1.00
Middle School	\$2.85	\$0.40	\$1.50	\$0.30	\$0.50	\$1.75	\$1.00
Intermediate School	\$2.85	\$0.40	\$1.50	\$0.30	\$0.50	\$1.75	\$1.00
Elementary School	\$2.50	\$0.40	\$1.50	\$0.30	\$0.50	\$1.75	\$1.00

\*WAM stands for "with a meal". If your child would like a second entrée, the price is \$1.00 as long as they also purchase a complete meal.

#### **Changes to the Meal Service Line and Cafeteria Seating**

- **Breakfast:** Breakfast will be available every day. Breakfast will be grab-and-go in each building where students will receive their meal in the regular meal service line and take their meal directly to their classroom. All breakfast meal components will be individually wrapped.
- **Lunch:** Lunch will be available every day. Lunch will include a regular hot entrée with fruit, vegetables, and milk. Our menu will be slightly more limited this year due to food shortages and availability.
- **Meal Service Line:** Student will only be able to make selections of meal components that are fully packages such as fruit cups with lids and milk cartons. All open food items, such as a cheeseburger or pizza on a plate, will be served individually to each student by our food service staff. Servers and students will communicate with each other about the options and offerings served so that students can still choose their meal options.



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- **Meal Payments:** We encourage all parents to go cashless this year and load money on their student's meal account at [K12PaymentCenter.com](https://www.k12paymentcenter.com). This will reduce the contact of each transaction for everyone's safety. We will accept in-person payments in the line as well (cash or check).
- **Cafeteria Seating:** We have worked with our building principal teams to set up plans for safe meal service lines and cafeteria seating. Each building has a building specific plan that works with their spacing, bell schedules, and available seating in their cafeteria. Please know that each building's plan is unique and is considerate of safety protocols including but not limited to spacing between students, spacing between tables, and assigned seating.

## Expectations for Food Service Staff

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- All Food Service staff members will follow the Ohio Food Code regulations and food safety protocol as directed by the Mahoning County District Board of Health as we always have. This includes but not limited to handwashing, proper food handling and safety, surface cleaning, hair restraints, etc.
- **New protocols:** In compliance with the state public health orders, food service employees will wear a mask at all times during their shift and will follow all protocols for mask wearing. Cashiers will also wear a face shield along with their mask when serving our students as an additional layer of protection for everyone.

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- Students in option 1 will have the opportunity to purchase breakfast and lunch each day.
- Students in all grades must wear a mask while in the meal service line.
- Students may remove their mask once they are seated and during the time they are eating.
- Students must sit in the appropriate area according to their building's plan.
- Students will put their mask back on once they are finished eating at their table.
- Students walking around the cafeteria during the lunch period will be limited in all buildings.

## Option 2 & 3: Remote Learners Expectations

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- Please see the [Meal Package Pick-up Plan for Remote Learners](#) for further information.