



SCHOOL MEALS & PAYMENTS

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Lodi Unified Nutrition Services is pleased once again to be offering **Universal FREE Breakfast** to all enrolled students at each school in the District. A nutritious breakfast helps students be more alert so they are ready to learn in class. So be sure to join us before school for a nutritious, free breakfast and give your child a healthy start to the day.

School lunches will continue to offer more fruits, vegetables, whole grain-rich foods and only fat-free or low-fat milk as part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA). Lunch prices for K-8 grade levels are \$2.50 and for 7-12 grade levels, \$3.00. Prepaid meal accounts help the lunch lines go faster and give students more time to eat, relax, and play. We have three options for prepayment: online, check, and cash. Online payments are a simple, safe, and secure way to make payments to your child's account 24 hours a day at your convenience. You can view the cafeteria account 24/7, deposit funds as needed **at no charge**, view purchases to track spending and set reminders to notify you each time the balance is low and you can set up auto-pay. Please go to www.myschoolbucks.com or to our website at <http://foodservice.lodiUSD.net> for easy on-line pre-payment.

Our department is committed to providing meals to students that choose to participate in our meal programs but also feel very strongly that there is a responsibility for all financial obligations to the lunch program be satisfied in a timely manner. **There will be no charging of lunches allowed at any elementary, middle or high schools.** With the exception of students who are eligible to receive meals at no cost, students shall pay on a per-meal basis or submit payments in advance. As a courtesy, Nutrition Services will accommodate for delays in payment and under individual circumstances, etc. This exception will allow your student **to charge a maximum of three (3) lunches not** including a la carte before receiving a courtesy meal.

We encourage every household to complete an application for the Free & Reduced Meal Benefit program. It is preferred that the Free & Reduced Meal Benefit application be completed online at <https://www.school lunchapp.com> or on our website at <http://foodservice.lodiUSD.net>. If you do not have internet access or prefer to complete a written form you may request a paper copy of the application. Requests for the paper application can be made at the following locations.

- Your child's school
- LUSD, James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 E Vine Street, Lodi, CA 95240
- Nutrition Service Department, 1305 E Vine Street, Lodi, CA 95240 / 888-287-5873

If you have any questions, please contact the Food Service Office at 1-888-287-5873 or 209-331-7275 (Spanish).

Sincerely,

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Director of Nutrition Services