



# FOOD & NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

## Information for Elementary Program

### SCHOOL MEAL ACCOUNTS

#### MY SCHOOL BUCKS

All students have a MySchoolBucks account established in the MBUSD database. You can also open a parent account online for your convenience at MySchoolBucks.com. From your parent portal, you can deposit funds online, setup low balance alerts, and view your children's daily purchases. DEPOSITS TAKE UP TO 24 HOURS TO APPEAR ON THE ACCOUNT

#### PRE-PAYMENTS

Parents are responsible for funding the account and keeping it from becoming overdrawn (negative). The pre-payment is used against your child(ren) purchases like a debit account. On average a \$100 deposit per month is recommended. This will pay for 28 lunches. Students may not share an account

#### PRICES

Lunch cost \$3.50 per day and includes items listed on the menu. We also offer a limited number of a la carte items. Menus are posted online monthly.

#### HOW STUDENTS PLACE AN ORDER

Each morning, the homeroom teacher will ask each student if they will be ordering lunch in the cafeteria; then ask them for their menu selection. This order is then sent to our central kitchen, and prepared fresh daily. Please remind your child(ren) to take what they ordered, otherwise they are taking someone else's lunch order.

#### HOW MEALS ARE PURCHASED

Elementary School students, do not need an ID card to make their purchases. They will come through the lunch line, take the meal they ordered in the morning, choose a milk and help themselves to the items on the fresh fruit and vegetable bar. Then the cashier will ask them their name, and look up their account, the purchase is charged to their account. Children sometimes make purchases without their parents knowledge. We encourage parents to keep an eye on their students account balances in MySchoolBucks. If your child is buying without your permission, please notify the Food & Nutrition Office so we can notate your account and prevent your child from making future purchases. Food&Nutrition@mbusd.org

#### NEGATIVE BALANCE POLICY

Your child will be extended credit up to five (5) lunches. After your child has reached the five lunch limit, he/she will be sent to the main office to contact you. It will be your responsibility to provide your own food OR send money with your child to pay for his/her meal on a daily basis until the negative account balance is paid off. Please note that we will NOT extend credit beyond the five (5) lunches to your child, and allow his/her account to become more negative.

If a parent/guardian is unresponsive to notifications and reminders sent out by the school district, the Food & Nutrition Department will have no choice but to offer the student a 'courtesy meal'. The cost of \$3.00 shall be charged to the student's account for each 'courtesy meal'. Courtesy meals will be offered any time an account is more than \$25.00 negative for more than three weeks.



*You can feel good about our food!*

### FACTS ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

MBUSD Food & Nutrition Services (FNS), operates under strict USDA Federal and State Laws & Regulations for all meals and foods served in schools. The 'School Meal' is the most regulated meal in America.

FNS contracts with Food Safety Systems, a company that monitors the Safety and Sanitation of our kitchens and provides on-going training to our staff in these areas.

On average FNS employees have worked at MBUSD for 15 years. Some have been here for 30 years. They love serving the students and being part of their lives.

Dairy products do not contain high fructose corn syrup.

Only Whole Grain Rich products that contain a minimum of 50% Whole Grains are served.

Products containing added trans fats are not served. Nothing is fried.

We serve locally grown fresh fruit and produce daily. All elementary schools

students purchasing lunch have access to a variety of seasonal produce. We encourage you to talk to your children about trying new fruits and vegetables.

We strive to please all tastes and palates, while serving wholesome and fresh food that is age appropriate.

Brand name items you see on the menu are formulated specifically for School Child Nutrition programs. They are not the same as the retail version that you may purchase in a store or restaurant.

All food is prepared onsite by MBUSD Food & Nutrition Services staff.

**NOTE: Compliant & Non-compliant foods, sold/served by Student/Parent Organizations for celebrations, events or fundraising may be served from one-half hour after school ends until midnight only. Otherwise foods must be pre-approved by the School District. The sale must occur after lunch period has ended. The food or beverage cannot be prepared on campus and the food or beverage item cannot be the same item sold in the MBUSD Food & Nutrition Program.**

**Please refer to the:**

**MBUSD WELLNESS POLICY**

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