

MCPS Summer School Feeding Information

English

Save your family time and money by picking up free summer meals for your kids this summer! No application or registration needed, just grab and go. To find pick-up sites near you, visit WEBSITE or text FOOD or COMIDA to 877-877. You can also call School Nutrition Programs (MCPS) at 540-382-5109 x1332 for more information. Some families will also be receiving P-EBT benefits this summer to buy food at grocery stores. This is a separate program and families may participate in both.

Spanish

¡Ahórrele tiempo y dinero a su familia al recibir comidas gratis para sus niños este verano! No hace falta una solicitud o inscripción, solamente venga y agarre una. Para encontrar lugares de distribución cerca de usted, visite WEBSITE o envíe la palabra COMIDA al 877-877. También puede llamar School Nutrition Programs at 540-382-5109 x1332, para recibir más información. Algunas familias también recibirán beneficios de P-EBT este verano para comprar alimentos en las tiendas de comestibles. Este es un programa separado y las familias pueden participar en ambos.

June 1, 2021

Dear Parents or Guardians,

Summer meals for kids are available for pick-up all summer long at sites across our community! Grabbing a summer meal not only saves you time and money spent grocery shopping and meal prepping; it also helps our school and community get back on its feet. Please know that students who receive P-EBT food benefits can also still pick up grab-n-go summer meals!

Summer Meals Program Details:

Available at MCPS

- June 7 – June 25 for High School.
- June 7-July 1 for Middle School and Elementary

Call the schools listed below to make the arrangements to place your order for 1 breakfast and 1 lunch per day. **Please call at least 24 hour ahead** to allow for preparation of your student's meals.

Schedule to pick up at the school nearest you. Pick up times differ by school. Phone numbers to call are listed on the MCPS Website under SCHOOLS.

Elem: AES, EMES, FBE, GLE, HAE, KES, MBES, PFE
MS and HS: CHS

- Meals are free for children and teens ages 18 and under.
- No application or registration required! *You just need to call ahead to let them know you are coming.*
- Parents and guardians can pick up meals on their kids' behalf.
- The meals served are healthy and follow USDA nutrition guidelines.

Have a safe and healthy summer!

Frequently Asked Questions

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What are summer meals programs? Summer meals programs are funded by the USDA and designed to provide kids and teens ages 18 and under with healthy meals during the summer months when school is out of session.

What are the requirements for my child or teen to receive a meal? Do I have to fill out an application form? There is no application or registration required to receive a meal. You do not have to show proof of income. Just show up!

Can parents or guardians pick up meals on behalf of their kids? Yes, parents and guardians can pick up meals on their kids' behalf.

Is there a cost? No. All summer meals offered through the USDA's programs are free to all kids and teens ages 18 and under.

We received a P-EBT card in the mail to help with buying groceries. Can we still pick up summer meals? Yes! P-EBT benefits and summer meals are two separate programs, and families can participate in both.

How do I find a summer meals site in my community? Visit WEBSITE or text FOOD or COMIDA to 877-877 to find free meals near you.

What kind of food is served at these sites? The meals served are healthy and meet USDA guidelines. A typical lunch, for example, will include a turkey sandwich on wheat bread, milk, an apple and a salad. Check our menu at LINK.

There is no site in my area. What can I do to be sure that one is available for the children in my area next summer? If there are no summer meals sites in your community, we can help. Email No Kid Hungry at bestpractices@strength.org.

What else can I do to help? You can share information about free summer meals with your friends, neighbors and family members. Share the texting hotline ("Text FOOD or COMIDA to 877-877 to find free summer meals in our community")

Who funds free summer meals? Summer meals programs are federally funded by the USDA through the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option.