

School Meal Payments Information - 2019-2020 - MAUSD

School meals, breakfast and lunch, are an important part of our student's educational day. Meals that include a variety of healthy options and lots of fruits and vegetables help students stay focused and ready to learn.



We work hard to maintain high quality in the food we serve to your students and keep the cost down. Our department also has many expenses to cover in order to accomplish our goal of feeding students well.

The National Free and Reduced Price Meals program helps student that qualify to get free breakfast and lunch each day. This program helps to ensure that our nutrition services receive payments for every meal sold. It also helps our school qualify for other federal programs benefitting all students.

We encourage families to send in an application for this benefit as it is the best way to pay for school meals.

For families who do not apply for free school meals, we rely on parents/guardians to always make timely payments and thank you for paying as much ahead as possible so our program can operate on a:

- **debit** system, where we take money out of the account when meals are sold,
- **not credit**, where meals are charged and accounts have negative balances.

We will NEVER refuse a meal to any student. We hope that you will help us with this commitment by keeping money in your student's account so they do not have a negative balance at any time.

You can do this by:

- Sending checks to the school nutrition program weekly, monthly, or even quarterly. Please put checks in a clearly marked, sealed envelope and write your student's name in the memo section of the check.
- You can also use the secure on-line payment system at: www.Myschoolbucks.com

In this system you can securely deposit money into your children's account using a credit card or paypal.

This year, there will be a fee for using this system. Just like other fees for using a service, this system will charge \$2.49 for each transaction. The larger the transaction the better, so if you can pay more money ahead of time you will save on the service fee.

To set up an account simply use your student's State ID # which we can provide if you give us a call.

- We discourage cash payments but will gladly accept them if that is the best way for you to pay for meals. Please make sure to send cash in clearly marked, and sealed envelopes.

HOW TO KNOW IF YOUR STUDENT'S ACCOUNT NEEDS FUNDS

- Call the school nutrition program at your school any time to check on student balances.
- Check your Myschoolbucks account on a **regular basis**. This system will send "low balance" notices but once the balance is negative you will no longer get notification from this source.

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- Look for emails from our program. We send emails every two weeks to anyone with a negative balance. **We know that these e-mails often go to spam so please be sure to check your spam account.**

When you get one of our emails in spam, change the settings in your email so these messages will not be flagged as spam in the future.

- Be mindful of your students' meal consumption so you do not lose track of their expenditures.

THANK YOU for helping us feed your students every day. It is a job we take great pride in as we hope to be supporting their growth, learning and success with each and every meal.

We look forward to a fantastic year!

GUIDE TO HELP YOU PLAN YOUR PAYMENTS							
2019-2020 Pricing	Elementary School				High School		
	Breakfast \$1.50	Lunch \$2.85	Both MEALS		Breakfast \$1.50	Lunch \$3.25	Both MEALS
Weekly Payment	7.50	\$14.25	\$21.75		\$7.50	\$16.25	\$23.75
Monthly Payment (20 days – avg)	\$30.00	\$57.00	\$87.00		\$30.00	\$65.00	\$95.00
Quarterly Payment (3 months)	\$90.00	\$171.00	\$261.00		\$90.00	\$195.00	\$285.00