

Franklin County School Food Service 2021-2022 Letter to Households

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Franklin County Public Schools offers healthy meals every school day. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is allowing school divisions to operate the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) during school year 2021-2022. This flexibility allows the school division to continue to provide healthy and nutritious meals at **no charge to all students**.

For the 2021-2022 School Year, Franklin County Public Schools will be serving meals under the SSO. All meals will be provided at no charge.

Households are not required to submit a meal application.

All meals served must meet standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). USDA regulation, <u>7CFR15b</u>, requires schools participating in federal school meal programs to make reasonable accommodations for children who would otherwise be unable to participate in the meal program due to disabilities restricting their diet. In order for these children to participate in meal service, school food authorities (SFAs) must make reasonable modifications to the school meals served and there will be no extra charge for the meal. If your student needs dietary accommodations due to a disability, please contact Heather Snead, Coordinator, at 540-483-5748 or heather.snead@frco.k12.va.us for further information.

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