Raymore-Peculiar Schools Child Nutrition Department 5-Day and 3-Day Meal Pack Program FAQs



- My child is enrolled in the VIPR program can they receive meals?
 Yes! Child Nutrition is providing 5-day meal packs, containing the food for 5 days of breakfasts and 5 days of lunches for feeding your student while they are at-home learning. Sign up at: www.rpchildnutrition.org
- 2. My hybrid 6-12 grade student only eats at school 2 days a week, what about the other 3 days? Child Nutrition is offering 3-day meal packs, including food for 3 days of breakfasts and 3 days of lunches for 6-12 grade students while they are at-home learning. Sign up at: www.rpchildnutrition.org
- What is included in these meal packs?
 Typical breakfast includes an entrée, fruit or potato option, plus milk and juice.
 Usual lunch includes an entrée with a bread option, veggie side, potato, chips or salad, fruit option and a milk.
- 4. How do I receive my meal pack?

 Pick up of meal packs is on Friday's from 12:30 to 1:30 pm at RP High School, East Middle School or South Middle School. You will select your pick up location when you sign up. Food is intended for the next week.
- Once I'm signed up, what happens?
 You will receive a confirmation e-mail of your RSVP. Then weekly reminder e-mails on Thursday of pick-up on Friday. You should not attend a pick-up site unless these e-mails have been received.
- How will I know where to go to get my meal pack?
 Your reminder e-mail will re-state where you signed up to pick up from, (High School, East Middle or South Middle) and will include the drive through directions for once you get on campus.
- 7. Do I need to sign up weekly?

 No! Once you are on the list, Child Nutrition only needs to know if you'd like your weekly pack placed on hold for a week or discontinued completely. E-mail Sarah Chellberg, Director at sarah.chellberg@raypec.org if that is the case.
- 8. Are the meals free?

 Yes. The USDA recently announced an extension of a waiver allowing for the Seamless Summer
 Option (SSO) program to be extended through Dec. 31, 2020, or until funding allows. This

waiver will allow the Ray-Pec Child Nutrition Department to provide completely FREE breakfast and lunch meals to all children up to age 18 residing within the district.

9. Can my younger child not yet enrolled in Ray-Pec schools receive the meals? Yes. When signing up, list their name and please note their age in the comments.

10. Is sign-up always on-going?

Yes. However, we pull our meal pack counts each week on Wednesday at 8 am. If signing up any week after Wednesday at 8 am, your first meal box would not be that week's Friday, but the following Friday. Your confirmation e-mail will state your first date.

11. Why Fridays?

Our Child Nutrition staff at our EC-5 buildings are preparing and providing breakfast and lunch meals Monday through Friday at all their buildings. Our Middle School and High School CN staff are focused on preparing and providing breakfast and lunch meals for in-person students Monday through Thursday. Fridays when 6-12 grades are at-home learning is the opportunity they have to prepare, assemble and distribute these meals.

12. What sort of storage space will I need?

You will receive a menu with your meal pack and the items that are shelf-stable, items that need refrigeration and items that need to be kept frozen are listed. We do our best to package them in this manner also, but you'll definitely want to go through your food and store it properly once it is home.

13. Can a student home alone prepare these meals?

Yes! Menu items are purposely selected to be easy to prepare and your menu contains cooking directions which can all be done in a microwave.

14. So is all the packaging microwaveable?

No! There is only one container that Child Nutrition uses that is safe for use directly in your microwave. Please reference the Microwave Safe Flyer at: www.rpchildnutrition.org

15. I see delivery is an option, please just bring it to me!

We ask that deliveries be limited to those who truly need the service. Families without transportation, students home alone or those unable to drive. This helps us utilize our district time and resources in the best way we can.