

Parent Newsletter 2011-2012 from the Child Nutrition Department...

Free and Reduced Meals: Does your student(s) qualify for free or reduced meals? If you have received a letter from our office prior to the first day of school notifying you that your student(s) has been approved for free meals based on FNS or TANF, you do not need to complete a family meal application. However, please verify that you have received a letter for ALL of your student(s). If one or more student(s) is missing a letter, please contact our office ASAP at 919-496-5125.

If you are not interested in your student(s) applying for free or reduced meals, please do not return a family meal application. Full price breakfast is \$1.25 and full price lunch is \$2.00 for grades PreK-5 and \$2.25 for grades 6-12.

Elimination of Reduced Category for Breakfast: As a result of Senate Bill 415, students approved for reduced price category will be eligible for free breakfast. Please note that this does not include lunch. Reduced price lunch is \$0.40.

Charges in the Cafeteria: Please communicate with your student(s) to make sure they have meal money each day if paying full or reduced price for meals. Once students incur a balance of \$6.00 or more they will start receiving a substitute meal until their charges are paid in full. Students are not allowed to charge wrapped a la carte items. If you have questions about your student's cafeteria account, please contact your school cafeteria manager.

Special Messages: If you have a special message that you would like the cafeteria to notice each day, it can be added to your student's account. Messages can range from a la carte purchasing options to special diet needs. Contact your school cafeteria manager for more information.

Checexchange is the collection agency that handles return check collections for FC Schools Child Nutrition.

Lunchprepay: Please see the reverse of this newsletter for information on lunchprepay, an online payment system.

The Cafeteria Can Help with Celebrations: Are you looking for a way to celebrate special occasions? Allow the school cafeteria to help you. A variety of snack items are available at a discounted price if purchased in bulk. Classroom parties and other celebrations are a great opportunity to take advantage of bulk pricing of healthy snack items. Also, available for bulk purchasing are paper products such as cups, napkins, plates, etc. This is a great way to eliminate the worry of bringing items to school for your student's special day.

Student Wellness Policy: The Student Wellness Policy and supporting regulations outline many healthy initiatives and practices that are in place to promote healthy bodies and minds. Please refer to Policy 6140.

Special Diets: All students with disabilities will be accommodated based on the written orders by a licensed physician. Students without disabilities will be accommodated through the Offer vs. Serve provision. This includes milk preferences, food allergies, food preferences, etc. Please make sure that you communicate with your school if your student(s) has any special diet needs. Medical statements must be complete for students with disabilities. We recommend that medical statements be completed for any student with special dietary needs.

For more information contact:

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