

Child Nutrition Program

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! During the coming school year your child will have the opportunity to eat school breakfast and lunch. These nutritious meals are an excellent value and support the local economy. The menus are kid friendly and meet the recommended dietary guidelines for healthy growing children. Everyday there are at least 3 entree choices for breakfast and lunch. School breakfast helps bridge the hunger gap between the time the children leave home and lunch.

I would encourage you to fill out a Meal Application. Federal Money from a grant covers the cost of the free and reduced priced meals. Meal applications are available: at each office, from any food service worker and online at <http://foodservice.onysd.wednet.edu> . All information is kept confidential. If your child qualifies they are set up with an account identical to paying customers. In the Elementary we have 60% of our kids participating in the free and reduced meal program.

If anyone in your household (other than a foster child) has a Basic Food, TANF or FDPIR case number all children will qualify for free school meals - please fill out an application & list the case number. If you have been approved for Basic Food but do not actually receive Basic Food Dollars, you may still qualify.

If your child does not qualify for the free or reduced priced meals they can still take advantage of this wonderful program by depositing money on their meal account. Payments can be made: Online in SkyWard Family Access, at the office, or to the cashier. Please remember to attach your child's/children's full name/s to the payment. Attach directions if you would like the payment split between multiple accounts.

You can check **Meal Account Balances** on SkyWard Family Access. It is on the Left under "General Information", the click on "Food Service". You can also find **Menus, Meal Applications & directions for online payments** at: <http://foodservice.onysd.wednet.edu> .

Charging Policy: Students are allowed to charge a maximum of **5** meals. Automated phone calls are sent, at least twice a week, when your child's balance is negative. Please repay money owed promptly so that others may use this service when needed. All money owed to the district will need to be repaid in order to: check out of the district (forward transcripts), and to receive report cards and diplomas.

Please reapply, for free and reduced meals, anytime if your income decreases or household members increase. Approved meal applications are good through the first 30 school days of the next school year.

If you need any help with the meal applications, accounts, or have any questions please contact me at 978-4111 option 6 or jcarlson@onysd.wednet.edu

Sincerely,

Jerry Carlson
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