



Food Services

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back! The Food Service Department is looking forward to serving your children if they are learning in the classroom or remotely. Included in this packet is important information regarding school meals. Additional information, program updates, menus, payment options, Free / Reduced applications and other resources are available at www.lakelandschools.org.

The district strongly encourages the use of our on-line payment service MYSCHOOLBUCKS to deposit money and manage your child's lunch funds. Students that choose to pay with cash or check made payable to "Lakeland School Lunch Fund" will have any change deposited on to their lunch account for future use. Please visit www.lakelandschools.org for a link to MYSCHOOLBUCKS to create an account and start managing your child's funds.

Students enrolled in the Hybrid Model will have the option to pre-order meals for the days they are learning at home. Those meals will be sent home with your child on the days they are in the building for instruction. 100% Remote Learning students will also have to option to per-order meals, distribution details are yet to be determined. Students who are full paid, regardless of learning model, will be required to have a positive balance of funds on their lunch fund account in order to pre order.

Students that currently receive Free/Reduced meals are required to submit a new application each year. Applications can be found at www.lakelandschools.org under the Food Service section.

Unpaid meal charges have become a significant issue. Please be sure to pay for any meal charges your children incur. Below are some important things to know about meal charges:

- All students who don't have money to purchase breakfast or lunch will be permitted to charge meals to their student account unless a parent/guardian provides written instructions to withhold meals.
- The district will ensure that no student will be shamed or treated differently because of unpaid meal charges
- Students cannot charge a la carte items, extra entrée's, or second meals. This includes students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals.
- Students who continue to charge meals without making payments may be contacted by the social worker and/or district lawyer.
- Parents/guardians may make payment arrangements for unpaid meal charges by contacting me at mporretto@lakelandschools.org.

Please be sure to provide your school nurse with a physician's note and Allergy Action Plan indicating what your child is allergic to. Healthcare provider notes and Allergy Action Plans must be updated annually. You can obtain an Allergy Action Plan form by visiting the district's website. The completed form must be sent to the nurse at your child's school. If you are concerned because your child has numerous allergies, you may visit the school's kitchen (upon appointment) and review all product labels.

Please check the Food Service tab on the district website often for updates and new resources. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to serving your children. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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