



Groveport Madison Schools District Service Center

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Breakfast and Lunch Payments/Charges

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Ensuring students receive a nutritious and good-tasting breakfast and lunch every day is important to them developing healthy bodies – and healthy brains. Children who are hungry or not getting access to the proper nutrition very often do not perform as well as children who are well nourished.

Meal Prices

Groveport Madison Schools offers breakfast and lunch to all students. Meal prices are as follows:

- Breakfast, at all grade levels – \$1.25 (.30 cents for children qualifying for reduced-price meals)
- Elementary School lunch – \$2.65
- Middle School lunch – \$2.90
- High School lunch – \$3.00
- Reduced-price lunch, at all grade levels – .40 cents

Free or Reduced-Price Meal Program

Qualified students can receive free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch daily. Parents/guardians are encouraged to complete an online application by visiting <http://www.gocruisers.org/FreeandReducedLunch.aspx>. Online applications are processed very quickly, with eligibility generally determined in less than 48 hours. Paper applications are also available at our schools; it make take six days or more to process paper applications.

Meal Payment Options

Students may pay for breakfast and/or lunch with cash when going through the lunch line, or meals can be paid for in advance by check (payable to “Groveport Madison Schools.”) The District also contracts with “EZ Pay,” which allows parents to pay by credit card. The EZ Pay system can be found on the District’s website, at <https://www.spsezpay.com/GroveportMadison/login.aspx>.

The mission of Groveport Madison Schools is to build a community of learners, leaders and responsible citizens.

Every Student, Every Lesson, Every Day

Meal Charges

We understand there are occasions when a student may run short of lunch money or has forgotten to bring it to school. In these unexpected situations, students may “charge” their breakfast and/or lunch. Charges are considered a debt and must be repaid by the student or the parent/guardian. Please note the following allowances for meal charges:

- Reduced-Price Meals (all grade levels) – No more than five (5) days of outstanding charges are permitted
- Elementary School Students – No more than five (5) days of outstanding charges are permitted
- Middle School Students – No more than five (5) days of outstanding charges are permitted
- High School Students – No more than three (3) days of outstanding charges are permitted
- Ala Carte Items – No charges permitted

Notifying Parents/Guardians of Meal Charges

When a meal is charged, the food services staff will issue the student a “Meal Charge Notification” which the student is expected to take home to their parent/guardian. If a student accumulates the maximum number of meal charges, the food services department will contact the student’s parent/guardian to make arrangements for repayment, and the student will be provided an alternate meal.

Alternate Meals

In instances where the student has accumulated the maximum allowable meal charges, the student will be provided with an alternate meal that consists of a cheese sandwich, fruit, and white milk. A maximum of 10 alternate meals will be provided, at which point the student will receive a regular meal and the student’s account will be charged for the full price of the meal(s).

Accumulated Lunch Debt

Any accumulated debt (charges) associated with the student must be paid by the end of the school year. Any unpaid meal debts will be carried over to the following year, per U.S.D.A. guidelines. Student records, including the student’s grade card, diploma and transcript can be withheld until meal debts or other fees have been repaid.

Should you have any questions about the District’s food services program, please feel free to contact me by phone, at 614-836-4969, or by email, at lou.emick@gocruisers.org.

Respectfully,



Lou Emick
Director of Food Services