

Frequently Asked Food Service Questions

Do all students eat for free?

Yes! ALL students receive one FREE breakfast and/or lunch per day while learning in school or at home through December 2020 per the USDA regardless of their eligibility.

Why are meals free for ALL this year and not in years previously?

In years previous, Edina Public Schools has operated their food service program under the USDA's required School Breakfast (SBP) and National School Lunch Program (NSLP) where students selected a minimum amount of items to make a complete meal and then are charged based on their eligibility (free, reduced or paid). However, as of August 31st, the USDA is now allowing schools to operate under the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) where ALL students are entitled to a FREE breakfast and/or lunch while learning in school or at home. This program will run through December 2020 or until funds are no longer available.

How do we receive meals while my student is learning at home?

Edina Public Schools is offering meal pick up, as well as meal delivery if needed.

Meal Pick Up: Wednesdays at the High School, Door 15 located on the backside of the school from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Meal Delivery: Families must sign up for meal delivery service [here](#). Meals will be delivered every Wednesday and the number of meals will be provided based on number of days learning from home. In order to receive meal delivery on Wednesdays, students must be signed up by noon on the previous Friday. Once a student is signed up, they will receive meals until there is a request to be taken off. Edina Give N Go is also supplementing the meals with non-perishable products for dinner for seven days of the week.

Do I have to qualify for free and reduced meals to receive a free breakfast or lunch?

No! Through December 2020 or until funds run out, ALL students will receive one FREE breakfast and/or lunch per day while learning at school or at home. However, it is still encouraged for families to fill out an [application for educational benefits](#) to be prepared for when the program transitions back to the SBP and the NSLP, as well as for funding purposes for the district.

What comes with a meal?

Breakfast: whole grain entrée, meat/meat alternate, ½ cup fruit or 100% fruit juice and 1% milk.

Lunch: cold grab n go entrée (typically a sandwich consisting of whole grains and meat/meat alternates), ½ cup fruit, ½ cup veggies and choice of 1% or skim chocolate milk.

Students must take the entire meal and are not able to decline any of the components, per the USDA's Summer Food Service Program. We understand this will contribute to an increase in waste, however at this time it is a requirement of the program in order to ensure students receive a balanced meal.

How can I access the menu?

To access the menu, you can download our free Nutrislice app on your phone or go to www.edinaschools.nutrislice.com We try our best to serve our menus as posted; however, sometimes last minute changes occur. Please check with the café manager prior to the meal if you have any concerns. Nutrislice displays nutrition and allergen information for your convenience.

Do you accommodate special diets?

Yes, we accommodate students who have allergies or medical conditions that require menu modifications. Alex Turnbull, our Registered Dietitian, handles all special diets. Proper documentation is required per the USDA. If you have further questions, please contact Alex Turnbull at alexandra.turnbull@edinaschools.org or 952.848.3812

How will students be charged?

Because we will be operating under the SFSP, where ALL students may receive a FREE breakfast and/or lunch, there will be no need to charge students accounts. Food service associates will tally total number of meals served, rather than charging individual student accounts. See below for secondary a la carte.

Can my student receive or purchase a milk separately?

The SFSP requires students to take a complete meal and does not allow for only certain components to be selected. Therefore, students are not able to receive an a la carte milk for free or purchase it separately. At this time, we will not be offering paid transactions of any item at the elementary level. We are asking that families who are sending meals from home, that they also provide a beverage for their student as well. If a student would like a milk, they must take the complete meal. See below for secondary options.

How will my student receive their meal at the elementary level?

Both breakfast and lunch at the elementary level will be delivered and eaten in the classroom. Each school will vary on how meal orders are obtained. Students will have a choice of having a complete school breakfast, as well as lunch. While there will only be one option for breakfast, for lunch students will select from entrée 1 or entrée 2 (vegetarian) and 1% or skim chocolate milk. Methods of delivery and meal count retrieval will vary based on the school.

How will my student receive their meal at the secondary level?

Students at the secondary level will be offered a breakfast either grab n go style to eat in their classroom or within the cafeteria. Lunch will continue to be provided and eaten within the cafeteria. Each school will vary slightly. Students will have a choice of one complete school breakfast, as well as a lunch. While there will only be one option for breakfast, for lunch students will select from entrée 1 or entrée 2 (vegetarian) and 1% or skim chocolate milk.

Select a la carte snacks and beverages that meet the USDA Smart Snack Guidelines will be available for secondary students. Secondary students may purchase an a la carte milk once a la carte options are available. Students must use their student ID's for a contactless transaction at the cash register. All meal transactions will be contactless for safety purposes, meaning **checks and cash will no longer be accepted by cashiers** in the lunch line. Please add funds to your students' account via [Fee Pay on the Parent Portal](#) or by leaving funds at the front office of your school to be deposited into the lunch account by the kitchen manager. Again, all breakfast and lunch meals will be free for ALL students through December 2020, however students must have a positive account in order to purchase separate a la carte snacks and beverages.