



Jackson School District
151 Don Connor Boulevard
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Dear Parents/Guardians of our Students,

August 2017

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about the School Lunch Program in the Jackson School District. To begin with, my name is Joseph A. Immordino and I am the Food Service Director for our district. I work with a team of knowledgeable Food Service Professionals who look forward to serving our students breakfast and lunch every day.

The costs for meals are as follows:

- | <u>Lunch</u> | <u>Breakfast</u> |
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| • Elementary School Lunch is \$2.85 | Elementary School Breakfast is \$1.65 |
| • Middle School Lunch is \$3.10 | Middle School Breakfast is \$1.90 |
| • High School Lunch is \$3.35 | High School Breakfast is \$2.10 |
| • Reduced Price Lunch (all schools) is \$.40 | Reduced Price Breakfast (all schools) is \$.30 |

You may apply for free/reduced price lunch benefits. Applications are sent home with students in September, and are always available on our web site or at your child's school. Only **one application** is required per household, but must be completed annually. If a new application for prior recipients is not received, the full price for lunch will be charged. Free/reduced meal status from last year will be honored through October 20, 2017. **PLEASE NOTE, THAT IF AN APPLICATION IS NOT RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 20, 2017, YOUR CHILD WILL AUTOMATICALLY GO TO FULL PAY ON OCTOBER 23, 2017 AND UNTIL AN APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AND APPROVED. PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE, AND ARE PROCESSED WITHIN 10 DAYS OF RECEIPT.**

Lunch includes the five meal components mandated by Bureau of Child Nutrition Regulations. They are listed on the menu daily and include Bread/Grains, Meat/Meat Alternate, Fruit, Vegetable, and Milk. Your child may decline up to 2 components and still receive the lunch at its price. However, they MUST take a fruit or vegetable as regulated by HHFCA of 2010. Menus are available on our website at www.jacksonsd.org. In addition, a limited amount of a la carte beverage and snack items are available for purchase at all schools. The Jackson School District has adopted the "NJ Model School Nutrition Policy," which addresses the nutritional content of all snacks & beverages we have available.

Some important information you should know:

- If your child has an allergy, please submit a doctor's note to the school nurse to document this. The nurse will inform the kitchen, and we will make a note to their account for their safety. Notes are only good for one year, so please send in a new one if necessary.
- All of our schools operate a computerized cash register system in the cafeterias, which allows you to deposit money into your child's "account," and "debit" the account as they make food and beverage purchases. Utilization of this system will help lunch lines move faster and eliminates the need for students to carry cash! Account balances can be viewed by your child when making purchases in the cafeteria as well as by you on the PARENT PORTAL. Any unused balances carry over to the next school year. **Please encourage your child to learn his/her student ID number, as it is required to make purchases in the cafeteria.** Additional information about this system can be found on our web site.
- Deposits for student lunch accounts are accepted by cash, check, money order, and even online! By registering at www.payforit.net, you can make deposits and even view your child's purchases in the cafeteria. **WHEN MAKING A DEPOSIT ON PAYFORIT, PLEASE ALLOW UP TO 2-4 HOURS FOR IT TO REGISTER TO YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT.**
- **THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT. Free Mobile Apps are now available for your iPhone or Android phones. Simply type in PayForIt in your search bar and have the convenience of depositing funds to your child's cafeteria account.**
- As a *courtesy* to parents/guardians, we allow Elementary and Middle School students to "charge" lunch if they forget their lunch money. This charge will result in a "negative balance" on your child's account, and must be paid back to the cafeteria on the next school day. Additional charges will result in a limited menu and principal involvement. Students that charge lunch or have not paid their outstanding charges will not be permitted to buy snacks in accordance to District Policy # 8550. **As a feature to the Parent Portal, your student's balance will be displayed so you know what the cafeteria balance is any time you go to the portal.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Food Service office directly at 732-833-4700 ext. 7408. I look forward to serving you & your children this year.

Respectfully,

Joseph A. Immordino
Food Service Director