

Virtual Learners

We will offer breakfast/lunch to our virtual learners.

If you are interested in receiving meals please follow the following guidelines:

- Complete a free/reduced lunch form located on the Smith County Schools website or
Complete a paper form located at your school office or the Office of Child Nutrition.
- Contact your local school cafeteria manager by 8:00 a.m. each day to order your meal.

Managers are: **Mize** – Mary Lowery 601-733-5750 or mary.lowery@smithcountyschools.net
RHS – Lynn Williamson 601-782-9617 or lynn.williamson@smithcountyschool.net
RES – Darlene Booth 601-782-4440 or Darlene.booth@smithcountyschools.net
Tville – Judy Gaudin 601-785-6518 or judy.gaudin@smithcountyschools.net

Please send your order to the manager by email if at all possible.

It is highly encouraged to pay for your meals on “my school bucks” located on the Smith County Schools website.

Breakfast and lunch meals will be provided for pickup at the same time. All meals will need to be picked up between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m.

See your cafeteria manager for the exact location of pickup.

Child Nutrition
2020-2021
Questions and Answers

Do I have to fill out a Free/Reduced Meal application ?

Yes, we need a new 2020-2021 application completed for each household. Please apply for meal benefits each year even if you think your household may not qualify. Senior students, please fill out an application even if you will not be on campus for meals. Free/Reduced percentages are used to determine the amount of federal money school districts receive.

Do I fill out an application for each child?

No, each child in a household should be on the same application even if they are at different schools.

Where do I get a Free/Reduced Meal application?

Applications are available at each school front office, Central Office or at the Child Nutrition Office across from the Chevron in Raleigh. Child Nutrition Staff will be available at each cafeteria beginning July 27, 2020 to assist with meal applications. Meal applications can also be completed on line at the Smith county Schools website: www.smithcountyschools.net beginning August 3, 2020.

Where do I turn in the completed Free/Reduced Meal application?

To ensure approval prior to the first day of school, submit completed applications to the Office of Child Nutrition or the school office or the school cafeteria. Once school has started, applications can be turned in to the school cafeteria.

When is the deadline for turning in the Free/Reduced Meal application?

If your child does not have an approved 2020-2021 Free/Reduced Meal application on file by the first day of school (Friday, August 7th) he/she will have to pay for their meals. UNLESS he/she ate free/reduced last year- he/she can eat on that status until September 21, 2020. At that time, if an application has not been processed, the student will be required to pay full price for his/her meals.

If my child is not approved for Free/Reduced meals, can I apply again?

If your income is reduced at any time during the school year, please fill out another Free/Reduced meal application.

What are the meal prices?

Full Price Student Breakfast	\$1.00	Full Price Student Lunch	\$2.50
Reduced Student Breakfast	\$0.30	Reduced Price Student Lunch	\$0.40
		Student Extra Entrée	\$1.00

Where can I find monthly menus?

Menus can be found on the Child Nutrition website:
www.smithcountyschools.net/ChildNutrition and click on the Menus tab.

What payment methods do you accept?

Cash, check, and online payments via My School Bucks.

We highly encourage using My School Bucks on line payment system especially during the Covid-19 pandemic to reduce the amount of germs spread while handling cash. Visit the Smith County Schools Website: www.smithcountyschools.net/ChildNutrition and click on My School Bucks. You may also use My School Bucks to check your child's balance and sign up to receive free email/text alerts when the balance is low.

What if my student has a food allergy?

Students with a disability that requires them not to consume certain foods must send a statement from a licensed physician. See the cafeteria manager for a form for the physician to fill out. You may fax the completed form to 601 782-9175. Statements must be updated at the beginning of each school year. Once the Child Nutrition Office has received a statement from the doctor, the diet order cannot be changed without another statement from the doctor. Under no circumstances, can the Child Nutrition staff change or revise the diet order once issued by the physician. Due to USDA regulations juice or bottled water cannot be substituted for milk free of charge.

How will breakfast be served during the Covid-19 pandemic?

After a student is dropped off in the morning by bus or by a parent, they will be allowed to go to the cafeteria to pick up a breakfast. At schools where social distancing is possible, students will remain in the dining room to eat. At schools where social distancing is not possible, students will take their breakfast to eat in the classroom.

How will lunch be served during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Students will go to the cafeteria with their class, pick up a lunch, and take it back to their assigned seat in the cafeteria or the classroom.

What safety precautions are the cafeterias taking during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Cafeteria workers are following all food safety guidelines as always. Workers will be required to take their temperature before work each day. Workers will wear gloves and masks while preparing and serving food. All surfaces that are being touched by students or staff are being sanitized frequently. Social distancing stickers will be placed on the cafeteria floor so that students will have a guide to stand 6-feet apart.

Can students that are doing on-line learning pick up meals?

Yes, Grab and Go breakfast and lunch will be available for On-Line Learning students. Meals can be picked up on each campus between 9:30-10:00 each weekday. To receive a meal, a student must be enrolled in Smith County Schools. A student with a Free status will receive the meals free. A student with a reduced or paying status will be required to pay for the meals (**paying with My School Bucks is highly encouraged**). We are asking that on line students order their meals each day by 8 AM. We prefer the meals be ordered by emailing your cafeteria manager. Mize- Mary Lowery, mary.lowery@smithcountyschools.net
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