

**\*\*\*\*\*School Lunch Info\*\*\*\*\***

*District Personnel continually strive to improve the food service in our schools. We offer the following features*

**FOOD SERVICE ACCOUNTS**

Computerized food service accounts will exist for each family in the district. All members of the family will use that one account. Breakfast, lunch, milk and salad at the high school will be debited. We recommend that the oldest child in each family be responsible for depositing money in the family account. If money is sent with a student, please pay by check.



**FAMILY ACCOUNTS ARE PREPAID ACCOUNTS.**

Please start the year with a positive balance. We do not send statements. Your children are told when the balance is low. You can track your balance through the parent portal. The status of your account (free, reduced or full pay) is not known to the cashier. **If a negative balance exists in an account, children may be denied food service.**

**FREE AND REDUCED**

Free and reduced meals are available to all who qualify. **STUDENTS MUST CHOOSE THREE SEPARATE ITEMS TO QUALIFY FOR FREE/REDUCED PRICE.** Free and reduced eligibility does not apply to second meals (doubles) or an ala carte milk. Funds need to be deposited by the family in order to make those purchases. If you received free or reduced meals last year your eligibility continues through October 14, 2015 **ONLY.** **A new application must be submitted before October 13 in order to requalify without interruption for the balance of the new school year.** Applications are available in all schools and the District Office. There also will be a food service mailing, including an application form, sent to all enrolled families before school starts. Online payments will soon be accepted as well.

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH**

Breakfast and lunch are offered each day at each school as well as a pbj sandwich as an alternative for lunch. Another option at the high school is the salad bar and sub sandwiches. Milk is always available. Many of the students in the past have qualified for free or reduced price lunches and breakfast. We encourage families to check the income chart below to determine qualifications. If your gross income is less than or equal to the amounts shown for your household size, please fill out a free and reduced form. These amounts are effective through June 30, 2016.



The income Chart on the right shows qualification guidelines. If your gross income falls within these ranges and family size, you will qualify so please fill out an application. If you have a foster child, the foster child qualifies for free meals regardless of income.



Household size	Yearly \$	Monthly \$	Weekly \$
1	21,590	1,800	416
2	29,101	2,426	560
3	36,312	3,051	705
4	44,123	3,677	849
5	51,634	4,303	993
6	59,145	4,929	1,138
7	66,656	5,555	1,282
8	74,167	6,181	1,427

This chart shows guidelines for the reduced lunches.

**How to apply for free or reduced meals for any child based on GROSS household income.**

Household incomes at or below those in the chart above qualify for free or reduced price meals. Completed applications must be in the District Office before August 30, 2015 to be effective the first day of school. New or revised applications are accepted any time throughout the school year, but eligibility is not retroactive.

**ONE TRAY = ONE MEAL**

On some occasions, especially at the high school, students with large appetites eat more than one lunch: they choose "doubles". Because of the different pricing structure and accounting necessary to participate in the Federal Meal Program, lunches cannot be combined on trays. One tray will represent one full lunch. If a second lunch is taken, it is considered a "double". The double will cost more than the first meal because we do not receive funding for "doubles". The price for doubles is listed below.



**WHAT IS OFFER VS SERVE?**

Offer vs Serve was designed to lessen food waste and give autonomy to students eating school meals. The Aitkin schools participate with Offer vs Serve, allowing students to take a minimum of three of the five required food items on the menu, one of which has to be a half cup of fruit or vegetables. Of course, students are encouraged to take all five food items. When combined with a wide variety of food choices, this program offers many advantages.



Students who are lactose intolerant will be provided a lactose free (soy product) milk upon written request from a physician.

**Breakfast / Lunch / Milk Prices 2015-16**

**NOW AVAILABLE:**

Web access to family lunch accounts. Download app on your phone to see daily balance and purchases. Go to the HS website, look for the parents portal, sign in, Go Mobile. District # is TCXXZP. If you need a password call Sheri at: 218-927-7121 or email at [ssanbeck@isd1.org](mailto:ssanbeck@isd1.org).

	Full Pay	Reduced	Free
Elementary Breakfast	1.25	Free	Free
Elementary Lunch	1.90	Free	Free
Secondary Breakfast	1.35	Free	free
Secondary Lunch	2.15	Free	Free
Adult Breakfast	2.30	NA	NA
Adult Lunch	3.50	NA	NA
1/2 pint Milk/Soy product	0.35	NA	NA

**LUNCH ACCOUNT ACCESS**

All students, k-12, are required to know and use their I.D. numbers to register their meal charges.

HS Breakfast starts at 7:45-8:15 a.m.

In addition, the district offers a morning milk program for kindergartners at the elementary school. **One** 1/2 pint of milk will be provided for each kindergarten student each day **free of charge**. Hot lunch will be served the first day in both schools. Lunch and breakfast menus for September are published in this newsletter. Students who purchase more than one lunch or more than one breakfast (doubles) in a single day will be charged actual cost for all meals **over one** in a single day - Breakfast \$1.80, Lunch \$3.00. **\*Guest Students:** Breakfast \$1.80, Lunch \$3.00.



Menus will be posted on the Aitkin Public Schools' web site: [www.isd1.org](http://www.isd1.org)