

Lunch & Breakfast Information Sheet

Middle Schools

How To Pay For Your Child's Meals

Meals may be paid for in advance by depositing money into your child's Student Meal Account, or by bringing cash on a daily basis. For convenience and security, we suggest paying in advance with cash, check, or online credit card by going to www.leanderisd.org, *LISD Departments, Child Nutrition Programs, Pay Online*. Some people pay weekly, others monthly, and some even pay ahead for the entire year! By paying in advance, it eliminates having to remember to send money daily, and reduces the opportunity for the money to be lost.

Student Meal Accounts – How Do They Work?

As students pass through either lunch line, a cashier at the end enters each student's purchases in to a cash register. The student tells their name to the cashier, uses their school issued ID card, or enters their personal ID number into a keypad. The appropriate amount for each meal is deducted from his/her balance, or paid with cash. Deposits made for students may be made before school, or during meal times. Students who have been approved for free or reduced meals are charged appropriately.

What Happens If My Child Forgets To Take Their Lunch Money? (Or, If I Forget to Give It To Them)

At LISD, we know that accidents sometimes happen. If your child purchases a meal and does not have money, don't worry. LISD allows middle school students to charge meals - up to two lunches. All meal charges should be repaid the next school day. Should unpaid charges accumulate, students will be offered a complementary meal of a cheese sandwich, fruit/vegetables, and milk.

How Do I Know What My Student's Balance Is?

Cashiers will notify students when their balance falls below \$10. If you have questions, you may call your schools cafeteria manager or check the online system at www.leanderisd.org, *LISD Programs, Child Nutrition Programs, Pay Online*, for an up to date balance. If you prefer email notification, please give your email address to your school's registrar.

What About Snacks?

Each LISD school offers milk and other snacks for sale. These items may be purchased with cash (no permission necessary) or on the student's account, with written parental permission only. Students may purchase snacks from their student meal account balance. This applies to all students, including those qualified for free or reduced meals. Please note that money must be deposited to purchase snacks (snack prices are not influenced by qualification for free or reduced price meals). No charging is allowed for snack items. Once the milk / snack permission slip has been signed, it is good for the student's entire middle school career.

Other Questions or Concerns?

LISD's Child Nutrition Services department is committed to satisfying your child's food needs while at school. If you have any questions, please contact your child's cafeteria, or the Child Nutrition Office at 570-5004.