



Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school meals program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, school corporations across the country have been operating with the use of a federal waiver that allowed them to feed every child for free through the end of this school year. The use of this waiver will not be available after this school year and corporations will return to the traditional eligibility requirements for free, reduced and paid meals. This means that for School Year 2022-2023, our school corporation will process free and reduced-price meal benefit applications.

The Food and Nutrition Services Department does have the ability to Directly Certify students who receive SNAP, TANF, some Medicaid, are certified as homeless, migrant, or are wards of the state (foster children). Households who are found to be directly certified will be notified in writing of the free or reduced-price meal status prior to the start of school and will not need to complete an application.

Meal benefit applications are available for the 2022-2023 school year. Households are encouraged to apply before the start of the school year to avoid unpaid meal charges. Students who are not approved for free or reduced-price meal benefits before the start of the school year will be classified as paid status and meal charges may begin to accumulate starting the first day of school. Meal charges accrued before the approval of a meal benefit application will be the responsibility of the household.

You may complete a free and reduced meal application online by visiting:

<https://secure.ezmealapp.com/default.aspx?cid=NGIwZGFhYjEtY2I2Mi00MzU5LWEzZjYtZDcyMzI3YjBIOTQ5>

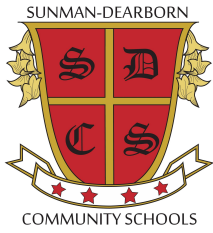
Additional information regarding Food and Nutrition Services is attached to this letter. Please contact the Food and Nutrition Services Department with questions at 812-623-2291 ext. 13809.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Erhart

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Food and Nutrition Services Information

Meal Prices

The USDA waiver for free meals due to the COVID-19 pandemic will not continue for the 2022-2023 school year. Below are the meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year:

	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary	\$1.55	\$2.65
Middle School	\$1.55	\$2.70
High School	\$1.55	\$2.75
Reduced Student	\$0.30	\$0.40

You may add money to your account via www.ezschoollpay.com. You may also send in cash or check with your student to school. If you have multiple students in the district and you would like their accounts to be linked for funds to be shared across their accounts, please complete this form:

<https://forms.gle/tMXtPrJo8pkJ7Ap49>. Accounts that have been linked in previous years will remain linked or unless you request to have them unlinked.

Breakfast

Breakfast is served daily in each of our schools. Free and reduced meal eligibility also applies for breakfast. Below are the serving times at each school.

School	Serving Time
Bright Elementary	7:30 am - 7:50 am
North Dearborn Elementary	7:45 am - 8:05 am
Sunman Elementary	7:45 am - 8:05 am
Sunman-Dearborn Middle School	7:45 am - 8:05 am
East Central High School	7:45 am - 8:10 am

Offer vs. Serve

All of our schools operate by offer versus serve for both breakfast and lunch. Offer versus serve allows students to decline some of the food offered in the reimbursable breakfast or lunch. For more information about offer versus serve, please visit the Food and Nutrition Services Website which can be found via: www.sunmandearborn.k12.in.us



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Charging Policy

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) requires school food authorities to establish written administrative guidelines and procedures for meal charges. Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools will adhere to the charging procedures specified in the policy. To view the policy, please visit the Food and Nutrition Services Website which can be found via:

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Special Dietary Needs

If your student has special dietary needs including accommodations for food allergies or meal modifications, please contact the Director of Food and Nutrition Services at 812-623-2291 ext. 13809 or caerhart@sunmandearborn.k12.in.us to discuss accommodations and get the required forms that will need to be completed.