

GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Food Service Department

PAYING FOR STUDENT MEALS

GATEWAY MIDDLE

Students who have been approved to receive either Free or Reduced Priced Meals have automatically had their status (free or reduced) entered into our computer system.

Students who have been approved for **FREE MEALS** will simply enter their Student Identification Number (I.D.) as they go through the serving line and the cashier will enter the meal in exactly the same manner as she does for all the other students. No one can tell who is receiving a paid, free or reduced priced meal.

Students who have been approved for **REDUCED PRICED MEALS** must bring the money for breakfast (.30) or lunch (.40) to the school cafeteria in the morning or as they go through the lunch line. **Payments may be made as far in advance as you wish.** (PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY EACH DAY) This amount will be credited to the student's account. As the student enters in his/her I.D. number and purchases a meal .30 for breakfast or .40 for lunch will automatically be deducted from their account.

If paying by check, please list the child's name and I.D. number on the check.

A child who is receiving **FULL PAID MEALS** may also pay for meals in advance. Students can bring the money for breakfast (1.00) or lunch (2.05) at Gateway Middle and Senior High) to the school cafeteria in the morning or as they go through the lunch line. **Payments may be made as far in advance as you wish.** This amount will be credited to the student's account. As the student enters in his/her I.D. number the cost of the item purchased will be deducted from their account.

If paying by check, please list the child's name and I.D. number on the check.

If you wish to put any restrictions on your child's account please send a note stating, No a la carte, Limit \$.50/day a la carte, Lunch only, etc. and this note will be entered into the computer and alert the cashier.

A student whose account shows a deficit balance will not be permitted to purchase a la carte items until the deficit amount is paid. A student's account can only be deficit for the amount of 3 meals (\$6.00). After this amount, your child will receive a cheese sandwich for lunch and their account will be charged.

A student I.D. number remains the same each year. This number is located on the class schedule if a student forgets it. Do not share this number with other students.

Positive and negative balances remain with the student's account each year, even if the student changes buildings. In order to take money out of an account we must have a written request from the parent telling us who to make the check out to and an address where the check should be mailed.

The computer system also works as a regular cash register and students can just pay with cash daily.

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ELEMENTARY (K-4) AND MOSSIDE MIDDLE (5-6) SCHOOLS

Students in grades K-4 who have received approval for Free or Reduced Priced meals have automatically had their status (free or reduced) entered into our computer system.

If a child has been approved for FREE MEALS there is really nothing additional that needs to be done. When the child comes into the cafeteria to eat breakfast or lunch the cashier will simply scan the child's name into our computerized point of sale system just as she does for all the other children. As the students go through the line no one can tell who is receiving a paid, free or reduced priced meal.

A child who has been approved for REDUCED PRICED MEALS must bring the money for breakfast (.30) or lunch (.40) to the school cafeteria on the first school day of the week or however far in advance you wish to pay. (PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY EACH DAY) Have the money in an *envelope* with the **child's name, homeroom, grade and the amount enclosed**. This will be credited to the child's account. When the child comes to the cafeteria to purchase a meal the cashier will scan the student's name just like she does for all students and either .30 for breakfast or .40 for lunch will be automatically deducted from the child's account.

If paying by check, please list the child's name on the check and homeroom # if possible.

A child who is receiving FULL PAID MEALS may also pay for meals in advance. Students can bring the money for breakfast (1.00) or lunch (1.90) to the school cafeteria on the first school day of the week or however far in advance you wish to pay. Please have the money in an envelope with the **child's name, homeroom, grade and the amount enclosed**. This will be credited to the child's account. When the child comes to the cafeteria to purchase a meal the cashier will scan the student's name just like she does for all students and either 1.00 for breakfast or 1.90 for lunch will be automatically deducted from the child's account.

If paying by check, please list the child's name on the check and homeroom # if possible.

If you wish to put any restrictions on your child's account such as, No a la carte, Limit \$.25/day a la carte, Lunch only, etc. please write this on the envelope and this note will be entered into the computer and alert the cashier.

A student whose account shows a deficit balance will not be permitted to purchase a la carte items until the deficit amount is paid. A student's account can only be deficit for the amount of 4 meals (\$7.50). After this amount, your child will receive a cheese sandwich for lunch and their account will be charged.

Positive and negative balances remain with the student's account each year, even if the student changes buildings. In order to take money out of an account we must have a written request from the parent telling us who to make the check out to and an address where the check should be mailed.

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GATEWAY SENIOR HIGH

Students who have been approved to receive either Free or Reduced Priced Meals have automatically had their status (free or reduced) entered into our computer system.

Students who have been approved for FREE MEALS will simply enter their Student Identification Number (I.D.) as they go through the serving line and the cashier will enter the meal in exactly the same manner as she does for all the other students. No one can tell who is receiving a paid, free or reduced priced meal.

Students who have been approved for REDUCED PRICED MEALS must bring the money for breakfast (.30) or lunch (.40) to the school cafeteria in the morning or as they go through the lunch line. **Payments may be made as far in advance as you wish.** (PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY EACH DAY) This amount will be credited to the student's account. As the student enters in his/her I.D. number and purchases a meal .30 for breakfast or .40 for lunch will automatically be deducted from their account.

If paying by check, please list the child's name and I.D. number on the check.

A child who is receiving FULL PAID MEALS may also pay for meals in advance. Students can bring the money for breakfast (1.00) or lunch (2.05) at Gateway Middle and Senior High) to the school cafeteria in the morning or as they go through the lunch line. **Payments may be made as far in advance as you wish.** This amount will be credited to the student's account. As the student enters in his/her I.D. number the cost of the item purchased will be deducted from their account.

If paying by check, please list the child's name and I.D. number on the check.

If you wish to put any restrictions on your child's account please send a note stating, No a la carte, Limit \$.50/day a la carte, Lunch only, etc. and this note will be entered into the computer and alert the cashier.

A student whose account shows a deficit balance will not be permitted to purchase a la carte items until the deficit amount is paid. A student's account can only be deficit for the amount of 3 meals (\$6.00). After this amount we will no longer accept responsibility for feeding the student.

A student I.D. number remains the same each year. This number is located on the class schedule if a student forgets it. Do not share this number with other students.

Positive and negative balances remain with the student's account each year, even if the student changes buildings. In order to take money out of an account we must have a written request from the parent telling us who to make the check out to and an address where the check should be mailed.

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GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

OFFER VS. SERVE
LUNCH

Federal regulations state that Gateway Schools must offer the 5 food components of the “Type A” lunch but that students in all grades, including elementary can refuse as many as 1 or 2 items. The enactment of these regulations was prompted by a desire to eliminate, or at least significantly decrease, the waste of food that occurs when students discard food items.

Students need take only 3 or 4 components of the “Type A” lunch to purchase it at the established price. Taking 3 or 4 components will not decrease the purchase price because the student’s payment does not cover the full cost of the lunch.

The 5 components of the “Type A” lunch are:

1. 1 serving of protein, such as a hamburger, hot dog, meat and cheese in the pizza or spaghetti, fish, chicken, baked beans.
2. 2 servings of fruit and/or vegetable.
3. 1 serving of bread (The crust in pizza is a serving of bread).
4. 1 – ½ pint of milk.

A dessert that contains no fruit is not considered as one of the 5 components even though included in the price of the lunch. Pudding, jello, cookies and cake are not considered to be one of the components.

Some foods contain more than one component. For instance:

1. Pizza contains 3 – protein (meat, cheese), vegetable (tomato sauce), and bread (crust).
2. Spaghetti contains 3 – protein (meat, cheese), vegetable (tomato sauce), and bread (pasta).

Some examples of 3 component lunches that can be purchased for the established price are:

1. Pizza (protein, vegetable, bread) and Milk.
2. Hamburger or Hot Dog (protein, bread) and Milk.

Some examples of lunches that are not 3 component “Type A” lunches are as follows:
(a la carte prices would be charged for these meals)

1. Hamburger (protein, bread), Cookie and Potato Chips
2. Meat Loaf (protein, Jello and Milk)

Parents are urged to inform their children of these regulations. Food Service employees will also be helping the students understand the program when they have lunch at school.

OFFER VS. SERVE

BREAKFAST

The school breakfast must contain the following 4 food items:

1. One (1) ½ pint of milk.
2. ½ cup fruit and/or vegetables or ½ cup full strength fruit juice.
3. Two servings of bread or bread alternate.
OR
Two servings of meat or meat alternate.
OR
One serving of meat or meat alternate and One serving of bread or bread alternate.

Some examples of school breakfast offering all 4 components are:

1. Cereal (1 bread/bread alternate)
2. Muffin (1 bread/bread alternate)
3. Juice (fruit/vegetable)
4. Milk

OR

1. Toaster Pastry (1 bread/bread alternate)
2. Sausage Link(1 protein)
3. ½ Fresh Orange (fruit/vegetable)
4. Milk

OR

1. Cheese Croissant – *Equals 2* (1 bread/bread alternate and 1 protein)
3. Juice (1 fruit/vegetable)
4. Milk

Students need take only 3 of the 4 components of the school breakfast to purchase it at the established price. Taking only 3 of the 4 components offered will not decrease the purchase price because the student payment does not cover the full cost of the breakfast.

As with lunch, parents are urged to inform their children of these regulations. Food Service employees will also be helping the students understand the program when they have breakfast at school.

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Federal regulations state that Gateway Schools must offer the 5 food components of the “Type A” lunch but that students in all grades, including elementary can refuse as many as 1 or 2 items. The enactment of these regulations was prompted by a desire to eliminate, or at least significantly decrease, the waste of food that occurs when students discard food items.

Students need take only 3 or 4 components of the “Type A” lunch to purchase it at the established price. Taking 3 or 4 components will not decrease the purchase price because the student’s payment does not cover the full cost of the lunch.

The 5 components of the “Type A” lunch are:

5. 1 serving of protein, such as a hamburger, hot dog, meat and cheese in the pizza or spaghetti, fish, chicken, baked beans.
6. 2 servings of fruit and/or vegetable.
7. 1 serving of bread (The crust in pizza is a serving of bread).
8. 1 – ½ pint of milk.

A dessert that contains no fruit is not considered as one of the 5 components even though included in the price of the lunch. Pudding, jello, cookies and cake are not considered to be one of the components.

Some foods contain more than one component. For instance:

3. Pizza contains 3 – protein (meat, cheese), vegetable (tomato sauce), and bread (crust).
4. Spaghetti contains 3 – protein (meat, cheese), vegetable (tomato sauce), and bread (pasta).

Some examples of 3 component lunches that can be purchased for the established price are:

3. Pizza (protein, vegetable, bread) and Milk.
4. Hamburger or Hot Dog (protein, bread) and Milk.

Some examples of lunches that are not 3 component “Type A” lunches are as follows:
(a la carte prices would be charged for these meals)

3. Hamburger (protein, bread), Cookie and Potato Chips
4. Meat Loaf (protein, Jello and Milk)

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OFFER VS. SERVE

BREAKFAST

The school breakfast must contain the following 4 food items:

4. One (1) ½ pint of milk.
5. ½ cup fruit and/or vegetables or ½ cup full strength fruit juice.
6. Two servings of bread or bread alternate.
OR
Two servings of meat or meat alternate.
OR
One serving of meat or meat alternate and One serving of bread or bread alternate.

Some examples of school breakfast offering all 4 components are:

5. Cereal (1 bread/bread alternate)
6. Muffin (1 bread/bread alternate)
7. Juice (fruit/vegetable)
8. Milk

OR

5. Toaster Pastry (1 bread/bread alternate)
6. Sausage Link(1 protein)
7. ½ Fresh Orange (fruit/vegetable)
8. Milk

OR

2. Cheese Croissant – Equals 2 (1 bread/bread alternate and 1 protein)
3. Juice (1 fruit/vegetable)
4. Milk

Students need take only 3 of the 4 components of the school breakfast to purchase it at the established price. Taking only 3 of the 4 components offered will not decrease the purchase price because the student payment does not cover the full cost of the breakfast.

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