



USD # 480 Nutrition Services FAQ Sheet 13-14

Q. What is the cost of school meals for this year?

A. Breakfast: K-6 = \$1.65 Lunch: K-6 = \$2.40
Breakfast: 7-12 = \$1.75 Lunch: 7-12 = \$2.50

Q. Why did meal prices increase by .10 this year?

A. Under the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act that President Obama signed into law last year, schools are required to comply with the Paid Lunch Equity Federal Regulation. The PLE formula dictates the price of a paid school meal based on the cost to prepare the meal.

Q. Can my child charge a meal at school?

A. The first 2 weeks of school, and the last 2 weeks of school, no charging is allowed. You will need to be sure your child/children have money on their account or have been approved for free meals. For more information on USD #480's Charging Policy please refer to WWW.USD480.NET and select DEPARTMENT/FOOD SERVICES.

Q. My child/children received free or reduced priced meals last year; will they get free/reduced priced meals this year?

A. **You must fill out a new application every year in order for your child/children to receive benefits.**

Q. I receive food stamps; do I still need to fill out an application?

A. **No**, you should not need to fill out a new application .

Q. Do I have to fill out a separate application for each one of my children?

A. **No**; you only need to fill out **one application per household** with all children and members of the house on the same application.

Q. When can I get the free/reduced priced application and where do I go to get it?

A. The free/reduced application will be mailed to each house hold on July 1st. If you do not receive one you may pick one up starting July 24th at 1611 W. 2nd Street, Liberal **High School Cafeteria Office**.

Q. If my child qualified for free/reduced priced lunches do they get free/reduced priced breakfast also?

A. Yes, once they are approved, they are eligible for both breakfast and lunch.

Q. My child has food allergies, what do I need to do to get a special diet or meal modification for them?

A. In order to provide special diet or meal modifications for students, we are required to have the appropriate State Medical Forms completed by a Doctor. Those forms can be picked up at the LHS Cafeteria office. No modifications/substitutions can be made until these forms are completed and on file in our office. **A new form must be completed every year**

Q. I have noticed that my 3rd grade child does not get the same amount of food as my 8th grade child; why is that?

A. USDA regulations dictate the amount of calories and portion size of food that students receive based on age and nutrition needs. USD #480 Nutrition Services must comply with the guidelines set by USDA and the Kansas State Department of Education.