



HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION

GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

DVUSD works hard to provide students meals that are nutritious, cost effective and delicious. Our high school students are offered a wide variety of options for both breakfast and lunch. Options include yogurt, breakfast sandwiches, and fresh fruit for breakfast and fresh salads, Mexican, Asian, Italian and Deli items for lunch. Please visit your school's cafeteria website for more specific information.

Federal nutrition standards require school meals meet specific standards including:

- A wide variety of fruits and vegetables
- Whole grain rich foods (all grains are 50% or more whole grain)
- Fat-free or 1% milk
- Foods low in sodium, fat, and saturated fat

PAYMENT OPTIONS

When a student is enrolled in school they are given an ID number from the school's front office that they will keep throughout their time at DVUSD. If you do not know your students ID number, please contact your school. All students key in their ID number on a pin pad when they go through the breakfast and/or lunch line to make a purchase.

Parents can add money to a student's account in three different ways:

1. **Cash:** Students may buy meals with cash or add cash to their account in the cafeteria.
2. **Check:** Students may bring a check with their student ID number and current phone number on it to the cafeteria to be added to their account.
3. **Online:** Payments can be made at www.EZSchoolPay.com using Visa, MasterCard, or Discover card for a fee of \$2.00 per transaction. Parents can also use EZSchoolPay to view student spending and set up low balance reminders **at no cost.**

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS

Free and reduced price meal household applications are distributed to students in the first week of school and can also be found online at www.EZMealApp.com or www.dvUSD.org/mealassistance.

Students who participated in the meal assistance program last year are eligible for the same benefits the **first 30 days** of the new school year only. All students must submit a new application by **September 19, 2018** to continue receiving benefits, if eligible. If a new and complete application is not received by September 19, 2018 students will pay the **full meal price starting September 20, 2018.**

Find more information at www.dvUSD.org/mealassistance, on your August school lunch menu, or by contacting our office at 623.445.5166.



BUYING SNACKS IN THE CAFETERIA

In addition to daily meal options, school cafeterias also have a variety of snacks and beverages available for purchase. All snack items sold in the cafeteria meet national nutrition guidelines, called Smart Snack Standards, similar to those for the school lunch program. You can learn more about the standards on the Food & Nutrition website at www.dvusd.org/nutrition.

Note: Parents can contact their student's cafeteria manager any time to place restrictions on a student's ability to purchase snacks. Restrictions can be made in several different ways including setting daily spending limits, allowing snacks on certain days only, or totally blocking all snack sales.

POLICY ON UNPAID MEAL CHARGES

The Food & Nutrition Department understands that sometimes a student's lunch account will run low or go into the negative. To ensure that all students are being treated equally as well as to ensure that we are being fiscally responsible with our limited resources, we want to make our meal charge policy known to all parents.

Grades Pre-K Thru 8

It is the policy of the Deer Valley Unified School District to provide a complete meal to all students. In the event a student's account has insufficient funds to pay for the meal, the account is charged. Parents/guardians shall be contacted for payment through phone calls and written notification.

À la carte purchases are not permitted when the account is in a negative balance.

Grades 9 - 12

Should a student in grades 9 – 12 have insufficient funds to pay for a meal, up to one negative meal charge is allowed. Once a student has reached the limit of one meal charge, they will be provided with an alternative meal, for which the student's account will be charged.

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Negative meal charges will not be allowed during the last ten days of the school year.

All Grade Levels

When a negative account balance exceeds the dollar amount equivalent to ten lunches:

- The Principal, Counselor and/or designated staff member of the Food & Nutrition Department will contact the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) to determine an appropriate resolution of the circumstance.
- The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be provided application materials for the free and reduced-price meal programs.

If it is determined the district is unsuccessful in collecting payment, the debt may be sent to a collection agency.

It is the parent's responsibility to monitor the student's account balance. At any time, parents can set up low balances reminders and view spending at no cost using EZSchoolPay.com. EZSchool Pay is a secure, convenient and friendly way to manage and pay for your child's school meals via the Internet.

For more information on the school meal programs, please refer to the Food & Nutrition website by going to www.dvusd.org/nutrition. You may also contact your school cafeteria manager directly.

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