



SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION

GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

DVUSD Food & Nutrition participates in the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program. We are committed to offering nutritious meals at affordable prices. Our cafeterias serving pre-K-8 offer three to four different entrée options daily, one of which is always vegetarian. School lunches offer five meal components daily (fruit, vegetable, grain, protein, and milk). To build a meal, students need to choose at least three of the five components, one of which needs to be a fruit or vegetable. Students are encouraged to take all five.

In addition to the five components, students may supplement their meals from our self-service fruit and vegetable bar.

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 18, 2017** to continue receiving benefits, if eligible. If a new application is not received by September 18th 2017, students will pay the **full meal price starting September 19, 2017.**

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 Federal nutrition guidelines, called Smart Snack Standards. These standards are similar to those of the school meal programs. 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. Parents can find a list of available snack items and their cost on the Food & Nutrition website.

POLICY ON UNPAID MEAL CHARGES

The Food & Nutrition Department understands that sometimes a student's meal 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.

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

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. EZSchoolPay 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 lunch program, please refer to the Food & Nutrition website by going to www.dvusd.org/nutrition. You may also contact your school cafeteria manager.