



Important School Breakfast and Lunch Program Information

General Program Description

Every day students can choose from **three** different entrée options, one of which is always vegetarian. School lunches offer 5 meal components daily (fruit, vegetable, grain, protein, and milk). To build a meal students need to choose at least 3 of the 5 components, but they are encouraged to take all 5.

In addition to the 5 components, students may supplement their meal with fresh fruits and vegetables from our daily produce bar.

Federal nutrition standards require that 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's cafeteria. All students will key in their ID number on a pin pad when they go through the breakfast and/or lunch line.

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

1. **Cash:** Students may buy meals with cash or credit their account with cash 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 applications by **September 21st 2016** to continue receiving benefits, if eligible.

If a new application is not received by September 21st 2016 students will pay the **full meal price starting September 22nd 2016.**

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 those standards on the Food & Nutrition website by going to www.dvusd.org and clicking the white chef hat in the upper right hand corner.

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.

Negative Balance Policy

The Food & Nutrition Department understands that sometimes a student's lunch account will run low or even 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 negative balance policy known to all parents.

- Low/negative balances are communicated in several different ways:
 - Verbal communication to students
 - Reminder slips sent home
 - Phone call from cafeteria staff
 - Hand stamp from cafeteria staff
- If a student's account reaches a negative balance of \$5.20 (or a total of \$5.20 per student on a shared account), they will be provided with an alternative meal. (The alternative meal includes a deli turkey and cheese sandwich offered with all the daily sides - fruit, vegetable, and milk.)
- Students are not allowed to go into the negative for snacks.
- Parents can set up low balances reminders and view spending at no cost using EZSchoolPay.com.

For more information on the school lunch program, please refer to the Food & Nutrition website by going to www.dvusd.org and clicking on the white chef hat in the upper right-hand corner of the page. You can also contact your school cafeteria manager directly at:

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