

2011-2012 Nutrition Services Information

Mission Statement: To provide nutritious meals which meet the needs of the student's academic and physical well-being.

Meal Prices for ELEMENTARY Students

Breakfast Reduced Price \$.30 Breakfast Full Price \$1.10 Lunch Reduced Price \$.40 Lunch Full Price \$2.25

Payment Options

***CHECKS** – Please make checks payable to *Springfield Public Schools*. Please ensure that your check has your phone number on it and include your students name and ID # in the memo section. You may use the **Meal Pay Plus** website to monitor your child's balance and activity **without a fee** if you send money to school. You will just need to set up an account with your child's ID number. See Information below.

***MEAL PAY PLUS** – This is an on-line pre-payment option which accepts MasterCard and Visa credit cards or you may pay by electronic debit from your checking or savings account. Money applied to your account is usually available within 24 hours. You can set up your account at springfieldpublicschoolsmo.org, then go to ***Nutrition Services**, ***Payment Options**, ***Step by Step Account Set-up** OR ***Meal Pay Plus** Website. You will need your Student/Staff ID to complete account set-up. There is a FAQ section that explains adding additional students, low balance notification, the difference between meal/general/bonus accounts and purchase history. **Meal Pay Plus** charges a 4.75 % fee per on-line payment transaction for this convenience. You may add money to multiple students accounts during one transaction.

***FREE & REDUCED MEAL INFORMATION** – Applications for free/reduced meals will be mailed to every household. In addition **you will have the option of filling out and submitting an application on-line after Aug.15th**. This is a much faster option for enrolled students with an average response time of 48 hours. Just go to springfieldpublicschoolsmo.org, ***Nutrition Services** (in the left column), and then click the link for the ***Free/Reduced Applications**. If you need further assistance please contact either Jeff Barnes at 523-1104 / jbbarnes@spsmail.org or Joyce Lancaster at 523-1101 jlancaster@spsmail.org .

What is a Meal?

Springfield Public Schools follow the guidelines established by the USDA for school lunches using the offer vs. serve system. This allows children more food choices.

Elementary Breakfast – Must include a minimum of 3 of the 4 following Choices:

- *1-Breakfast entrée
- *1-Toast / Potato
- *1-Fruit / Juice
- *1-Milk

Elementary School Lunch - Must include: ***1 Entrée Choice** and a minimum of 2 of the following:

- *1-Vegetable Choice
- *1-Fruit Choice
- *1-Salad / Bonus
- *1-Milk

***Student may also choose 1 of each item for a total of 5 items**

*** Did you know...If your child is eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch they are ALSO eligible for Free/Reduced Breakfast! Make sure your child starts their day off right with a good breakfast.**

Ala Carte Items

In addition to our meal options above we do offer our Elementary Students ala carte items that range in price from \$.25 to \$.75. We do post pricing for all items. Monthly menus are located at springfieldpublicschoolsmo.org. Please let us know if we can assist you in anyway.

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