

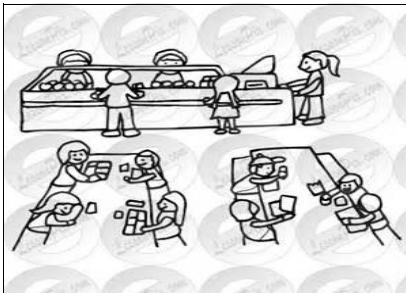
**Welcome to Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District where good nutrition and learning go hand in hand!**

The Food & Nutrition Services Department is made up of a team of professionals that are dedicated to your students' health, well-being and the ability to learn. We provide students with access to a variety of appealing foods that that meet the health and nutrition needs of students.

**FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BAR**

This year our elementary students will enjoy, along with their entrée a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Bar. It will offer a wide variety of fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables. Our District follows the Harvest of the Month program, thus students will be offered the freshest choices of both fruits and vegetables to choose from. Many items are California grown and when in season will be familiar to children. Some of the options will include Persimmons, Kiwi, Sweet Potatoes, Jicama and assorted salad greens.

We will also be offering an assortment of new fresh salads and sandwiches at our secondary schools. Students will be able to choose from a hot entrée, bbq item or a prepackaged (made fresh daily) salad or sandwich combo.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Your child can choose from a variety of fresh & colorful seasonal fruits and vegetables each day.
- We offer a variety of 1/2 cup servings of fresh fruit and 1/2 cup servings of vegetables every day on the hot lunch line.
- We welcome student and parent input regarding our menu selections. Email us at: fns@smmusd.org
- Many of the same brand items that you purchase at your local grocery stores are served in the cafeteria: Tyson, Jennie O, General Mills, Tony's, Foster Farms, Land O'Lakes, Pillsbury, Keebler, and General Mills.
- The orange and teriyaki chicken served on the hot line is also sold at Trader Joe's!
- We have partnerships with local companies: Papa John's Pizza, Berkeley Street Beverage and the Santa Monica's Farmers' Market
- Vegetarian choices are offered daily.
- Students will be required to take at least 1/2 cup of fruit or vegetables with lunch!
- We serve whole grain items at breakfast and lunch!
- We have special BBQ and Pizza days in our elementary schools!

Food & Nutrition Services makes it easy for your child to make half of his/her plate fruits and vegetables!  
All students will be served a 1/2 cup of fruits & vegetables with each lunch and 1/2 cup of fruit at breakfast!

Email us at: [fns@smmusd.org](mailto:fns@smmusd.org)

**PARTIAL MEAL POLICY**

*Pursuant to the Board approved AR3551, Food & Nutrition Services will strictly enforce the Partial Meal Policy in our elementary schools. In our elementary schools (grades K-5), full price students will be allowed to owe for only three consecutive complete meals, a value not to exceed \$9.00. If a child does not have money and has exceeded his/her three meal credits, a partial meal will be offered to the student. Please note: There is NO credit or partial meal service for secondary Students (grades 6-12).*

The partial meal will be a nutritionally adequate meal consisting of a cold cheese sandwich and nonfat milk. Written reminders will be sent home on a regular basis. Automated reminders will be delivered via telephone every Sunday. Parents are solely responsible for ensuring that their child's account is active and not in negative status. Parents are encouraged to check their child's balance by contacting the Cafeteria, or by contacting the Food & Nutrition Services Central Office.

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The Food & Nutrition Services Department will do our part to make this year a nutritious, successful and exciting one for you and your child. Please feel free to call the Food & Nutrition Services Department at: (310) 450-8338, ext. 70228 if you need more information regarding our National School Breakfast/ Lunch Programs.

Food & Nutrition Services Team:  
Elizabeth Powell, Director

Patsy Herschberger, Administrative Assistant  
Free & Reduced Meal Applications  
Verification

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**To Our Students & Parents:**

The Food & Nutrition Services Department is looking forward to serving your child(ren) balanced, healthy and tasty meals for the upcoming school year. A nutrition analysis is performed of all meals and must comply with the National School Lunch Program to provide adequate calories, calcium, iron, vitamins A and C and not to exceed 30% calories from fat or 10% calories from saturated fat.



Breakfast is available each school day at the following schools: Edison, McKinley, Grant, Muir/Smash, Rogers, Lincoln Middle, Adams Middle, Santa Monica High and Malibu High.

Due to the high volume of prepayments that are received at the beginning of a new school year, we suggest that you send your child(ren) to school with money on the first day of school.

**Prepayments must be received by the School Office Staff by 10:00 am in order to be credited for that days meal. Online prepayments may take up to 24 hours to post to your child's account.**

**The 2016/17 individual Meal Prices will be as follows:**

**Elementary School Prices: (Grades K-5)**

- \$3.00 Lunch, Full Price(\$60.00 for 20 Meals)
- \$0.40 Lunch, Reduced Price
- \$1.25 Breakfast, Full Price
- \$0.30 Breakfast, Reduced Price
- \$8.00 Prepaid Reduced Price (20 lunch meals)

**Secondary Prices: (Grades 6-12)**

- \$3.50 Lunch, Full Price(\$70.00 for 20 Meals)
- \$0.40 Lunch, Reduced Price
- \$1.50 Breakfast, Full Price
- \$0.30 Breakfast, Reduced Price
- \$8.00 Prepaid Reduced Price (20 lunch meals)

**No change in meal prices!**

**Adult Prices: Breakfast-\$2.25, Lunch-\$4.25**

**Please note:** If a payment is made with a check that is returned for non-sufficient funds, we will reverse the prepayment transaction and the parent will be charged the appropriate bank fees and for any meals consumed by their child(ren). **Future fees, penalties and prepayments must be made with cash or money order, no exceptions.**

**There are no refunds of prepayments,** however, cash can be transferred between siblings. A record of cash balances will be sent to parents on a regular basis. Parents will also receive emails and phone messages regarding negative balances and low balances. Parents are responsible for all negative balances regardless of their benefit status.

**Parents are encouraged to check their child's balance by contacting the Cafeteria Manager, by contacting Food & Nutrition Services, or by going on line at: [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)**

Negative balances **must** be paid. Negative & positive cash & meal credit balances will rollover from one year to the next.



**Parents can prepay for their child(ren)'s cafeteria meals online at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) beginning Monday, August 8, 2016. My School Bucks charges a small transaction fee for online payments.**

**What you need to get started:**

Your child's name, school name, student ID number and a credit or debit card. If you do not know your child's ID number please call his or her school office or call Food & Nutrition Services.

With each **My School Bucks** prepayment of \$60.00 (Elementary) or \$70.00 (Secondary), instead of meal credits you will see a cash balance. There is no change for Reduced Price Benefits. Parents can continue making payments in the school office.

**FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS**

One application per family, please! Make sure to include all required information. For example: **Signature, date, last four digits of Social Security # (if you do not have a SS#, check the box "I do not have a Social Security Number"), list all the names of all household members, adults (employed or unemployed), foster children, etc.** Applications may be mailed back to the Food & Nutrition Services Office (see address below) or dropped off at the school site.

**Mail or return application forms to:  
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District  
Food & Nutrition Services  
1651 Sixteenth Street  
Santa Monica, CA 90404-3891**

**Applications must be for the 2016/17school year.**

**Please note that the 2015/16 Meal Application expires at the end of the day Tuesday, September 27, 2016. Please submit your 2016/17 application by Thursday, September 1, 2016 as it may take at least ten (10) business days to process your application.**

**Applications from previous years will not be processed. Applications are accepted throughout the school year.**

Parents are encouraged to return the applications as soon as possible so that your child's status will be current in the computer the first day of school. Applications are available throughout the school year and may be submitted at any time. You may also download a meal application from our website- [www.smmusd.org/foodservices](http://www.smmusd.org/foodservices). Please visit our website for meal applications, menus, and other important Information pertaining to the Food & Nutrition Services Department.

**If you have a kindergartner in your household, please be aware that he or she may not be eligible for free or reduced meals the first day of school. Please send your kindergartner to school with money or a lunch for the first week.**



**Important Dates to Remember:**

- The school year begins **August 22, 2016** and ends on **June 9, 2017**. There are **180** days in the 2016/17 school year.
- 2015/16 Free & Reduced Applications expire at the end of the day: **September 27, 2016.**
- Last day to accept checks: **Monday, May 15, 2017**
- Last day to make payments online via [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) **Monday, May 22, 2017**

Visit us online at: [www.smmusd.org/foodservices](http://www.smmusd.org/foodservices)

**Don't forget to take full advantage of our online payment system: [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) First day to make online payments is Monday, **August 8, 2016.****