

Please check the enclosed statement for your balance.

TO: Parents/Guardians
FROM: Ione DeNucci, Food Service Director

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year!

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I would like to take the time to introduce you to our Luck School Food Service Program. Please take the time to read through the following standards.

The National School Lunch & Breakfast Programs set new standards as they feel the need to continue to serve healthy and nutritious meals to our students. A standard that has played a major factor in our meals is the amount of meat/meat alternate, grains, sodium, sugar and calories we are allowed to offer to our students. Another standard is a student **must take a half cup serving of fruit or vegetable** for a reimbursable meal under the Offer vs. Serve program, which is explained below.

Currently we offer Breakfast and Lunch service to our students. Our breakfast and lunch prices are as follows:

<u>BREAKFAST</u>		<u>LUNCH</u>	
Child Care (1 Yr +)	\$1.00	Child Care (1 Yr +)	\$2.00
Grades 4K-4	\$1.30	Grades 4K-5	\$2.65
Grades 5-8	\$1.40	Grades 6-8	\$2.80
Grades 9-12	\$1.50	Grades 9-12	\$2.85
Extra Entrée (Gr. 7-12)	\$1.00	Extra Entrée (Gr. 7-12)	\$1.50

Our breakfast/lunch program offers nutritious, well-balanced meals with a wide variety of choices. The daily breakfast program includes a 2 oz grain or grain/protein, fruit, juice and milk. The daily lunch program consists of 5 food group categories consisting of meat/meat alternate, grain, vegetable, fruit and milk. A student may choose 3 or all 5 of these food groups.

We are working with an Offer vs. Serve Breakfast/Lunch program, simply saying we offer each student a variety of 5 food groups and the student must take a minimum of 3 of the 5 food groups before he/she enters their number into the computer. The student is allowed to take all 5 if desired.

AGAIN, THE 5 FOOD GROUPS ARE:

Meat/Meat Alternate---Vegetable---Fruit---Grain---Milk

Please review this with your child and stress the fact that they have to take a minimum of 3 full servings of these food groups. They may take all 5.

NEW STANDARD: Included in the count of these 3 items must be 1 serving of fruit or vegetable. A fruit and vegetable may be taken, and counted as 2 of the 3 food groups if desired.

NEW POLICY ON REVERSE SIDE – PLEASE READ

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The Luck School District uses an automated lunch accounting system to record lunch payments and to monitor food transactions. This system requires you to deposit payment into a family account. The system functions as a debit system, similar to a checking account. There must be sufficient money in the student's account to serve the student in the breakfast/lunch line. The account holder, or parent(s)/guardian(s), are expected to maintain a positive balance in their account at all times.

Included in this mailing is the application form for the free and reduced lunch/breakfast program for the 2018-19 school year. **Please read the instructions carefully.** We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. If you do not qualify now, you may apply at any time during the year.

Return the completed application to the High School office, Elementary office, or mail to Luck School District, 810 7th Street South, Luck, WI 54853. **If possible, please return the application prior to the start of the school year.** Your application and the administration of the program are kept in strict confidence.

The District will again be using Direct Certification for the 2018-19 school year. This is a process that automatically approves free school meals for children who are members of households that receive assistance under the FoodShare Program or receive W-2 Cash Benefits. You will receive notification from the school if your child is eligible for free meals under this process.

Downloadable meal applications and instructions are also available on the Luck School District website under Food Service. You may also apply online through your Family Access account.

UNPAID MEAL CHARGING POLICY

Charge Limits for Students and Staff

It is expected that a positive balance is maintained in each breakfast/lunch account; however, the district will permit, in the event that funds have not yet been received by the district, a student will be allowed to charge up to a negative \$15.00. The account holder will be notified that they have exceeded the negative \$15.00, and that they must provide a meal and beverage from home until payment is made.

If a parent or guardian fails to provide their child(ren) with a sack lunch and beverage, or money, the student will be offered a sandwich and milk one day only. The sandwich and milk will be at no cost to the student's individual account. If after one day the parent or guardian fails to provide their child(ren) with a sack lunch or money, School District Personnel may be asked to intercede on behalf of the student(s).

If a parent or guardian continues to fail to provide their child(ren) with a meal or money after School Personnel have interceded, the District will file a report with the Polk County Health and Human Services department, or other appropriate agency. The Food Service Coordinator, at their discretion, may temporarily suspend this provision for families with unforeseen hardships.

All extra entrees and ala carte items are only allowed to be purchased with a positive account balance.

Household Notification

- All parents or guardians with a negative balance will receive an automated phone call each day. Calls on delinquent accounts are made by Food Service to parents or guardians.
- Friendly reminder slips are given to students with negative balances.

We do understand that situations come up, and if you are not able to make payment at a given time please call Luck School Food Service Office at 715-472-3135 to make payment arrangements so we do not have to interrupt your child's meal service.

If your child has any food allergies or special dietary restrictions please go to our website, click on Food Service and go to Links and click on "Special Dietary Needs", print off, fill out and return to me by mail or student or via email @ ioned@lucksd.k12.wi.us or contact me at 715-472-3135 and I will mail you a form or send home with your student..

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