

2020-2021 Food and Nutrition Services Information

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- **Free & Reduced Meal Applications Online** – will be available August 1 and the district request all households to complete the very easy application using any computer, smartphone or any device with internet access. Paper applications can be requested.
- **Lunch Money Now (LMN)** – We encourage all parents to set up a LMN account to view your student's meals and snacks eaten daily. It is a convenient way for parents to receive not only an email but also a text that your student's balance is low or has reached a preset dollar amount. Parents with students on the Free and Reduced meal program can also utilize LMN. It allows parents to set up recurring payments to your student's account and view account balances. Visa, MasterCard, and PayPal can be used to make deposits on the secure (SSL) site and are available on the student's account within an hour of the transaction. There is a small \$2.50 charge per transaction and multiple students can have money deposited in a single transaction. Parents and guardians who prefer to make their payment in person may do so at any school campus with a scheduled appointment. This year there will be an option to donate to "Feed All Kids" on Lunch Money Now each time you make a deposit in your student meal account.
- **Other Information:** Menus, health and fitness materials, policy, procedures, and more are available on our food and nutrition website.
- **Meal Prices will not increase for the 2020-2021 school year.**
 - * **Breakfast: Free for all students.**
 - * **Lunch Prices:** Remain the same as 2019-2020.
Lunch paid student prices are: \$1.50 (grades PK-4) \$2.00 (grades 5-6) \$2.25 (grades 7-8) \$2.50 (grades 9-12)
 - * **Reduced Price** – The \$.40 Lunch Payment for Reduced students **will be Eliminated.**
- **In-Sufficient Checks:** Checks returned for insufficient funds will not be accepted for future payments and will be charged a fee and assessed to the student account. Cash, money orders or using Lunch Money Now will be the only payment options.
- **District Meal Charge Policy:**
The meal charge policy must be communicated in writing to all households at the start of each school year and to households transferring to the school during the school year. This charge policy will be included in with the 'letter to households' about the free and reduced program.



Students at ALL SCHOOLS will be offered a Free Breakfast daily. All Students are Encouraged to eat Breakfast at School to enhance learning. When account balance is negative an automated call and an email will occur weekly and will continue until the account is brought to a positive balance and/or applied for Free/Reduced lunch. Parents will receive an email weekly reminding you to use Lunch Money Now online to check their students balance, make a deposit, or pay with cash or check at any school campus.

If FNS has not received payment and the Grace Period is exhausted and meal charges have not been paid then FNS will send a U.S. Postal letter to the parent to remind them we have been feeding your child in good faith, and that money is owed to the student's account. Automated calls and emails will continue to the parent phone number on file with the district. If after being notified by mail and FNS has not received payment FNS managers will contact their school principal to make contact with the parent. A decision will be made by the Principal to either continue feeding the child in good faith or discontinue feeding lunch at school. The parent will be informed and expected to send a lunch to school so your child does not do without a lunch or parents will apply for the Free/Reduced meal program. Nonprofit School Food Service resources may not be used to cover costs related to Bad Debt arising from uncollected student meal accounts and Dickinson School District will be responsible for paying those delinquent accounts.

Dickinson ISD will collect on all unpaid meal charges. The parent/guardian is responsible to repay any charges that have accrued before the end of the school year and for charges made prior to application approval. All charges will be carried over to the students account the following year. We will stop taking checks 2 weeks before the end of school.

Revisions to the Charge Policy will be updated and posted online at Dickinson ISD website as TDA/USDA makes available.

Nondiscrimination statement reads as follows: In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, and reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible State or local Agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information is available in languages other than English. To file a complaint alleging discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 fax: (202) 690-7442; or email: program.intake@usda.gov.