

Madison Local School District

Central Administration Offices, 1956 Red Bird Road , Madison, OH 44057
Kelly.Minnick@MadisonSchools.net ~ 440.428.9332
Kelly Minnick, SNS – Director of Nutrition Services

Nutrition Services – Information for the 2020-21 School Year

- **Breakfast and Lunch Menus**
 - Available online only (link is on the [District's Nutrition Services webpage](#))
 - Visit [SchoolMeals.Nutrislice.com](#) or download the Nutrislice App in the Apple or Google Play Store
 - When downloading the App, search for “School Meals – OH” as the District name
 - Favorite (click on the heart) your child’s school for easy access going forward
 - We share this service with multiple school districts which is why you see other schools listed.
 - Click on breakfast or lunch to see the menu
 - Click on each item to view nutritional information and allergens. If additional information is needed, please contact the kitchen manager at your school. Click on Messages to see more information.
- **Meal Prices** (please see information regarding changes to payments below)
 - Elementary Schools: The lunch meal price is \$3.25 & the breakfast meal price is \$1.75
 - Middle & High School: The lunch meal price is \$3.50 & the breakfast meal price is \$2.25
 - Reduced price meals: Lunch is .40 and breakfast is .30
- **Free or Reduced Price Meal Application** (more information on page 2)
 - You must apply each year for free or reduced price meals.
 - Apply online through your Parent Portal in Infinite Campus.
 - Families must provide meals for their children until the application has been processed.
 - If you received a letter stating that your child(ren) automatically qualifies for free meals through Direct Certification, do NOT fill out an application.
 - If necessary, call 440-428-9332 to receive a paper application.
- **Payments**
 - Credit or Debit Card Payment
 - In an effort to decrease touch points for staff and students, this year we are requesting payments to be made online with debit or credit card
 - Log into your Parent Portal account in Infinite Campus to make payments online.
 - Checks
 - Please make checks payable to your school cafeteria and include your child's name and ID number on the check. If splitting among multiple children in the same building, please indicate the amount to post to each account.
 - Cash
 - In an effort to decrease touch points for staff and students, cash is accepted, but no change will be given at this time. Any excess funds will automatically be applied to your child’s account.
- **Food Allergies**
 - A new [allergy form](#) must be filled out each year for food or other allergies. More information is available on the [website](#).
 - Students may be eating meals in the classrooms with food brought from home besides cafeteria purchases.
 - Communication with the school is key for your child’s allergy management and awareness.
- **Snacks and A La Carte**
 - Please email Mary.Bender@madisonschools.net if you would like restrictions on your child’s meal account.
 - This includes not being able to purchase breakfast or snack items (when offered).
 - Elementary students are limited to one snack purchase per day unless we are notified otherwise.
 - Only one communication per year is required unless your situation changes
- **Breakfast Combo Meals**

An entrée, 2 selections of fruit or juice and milk are included. A fruit serving must be chosen with a combo meal or a la carte pricing will apply.
- **Lunch Combo Meals**

An entrée, fruit and veggie sides and milk are included. A fruit or veggie serving must be chosen with a combo meal or a la carte pricing will apply.
- **Online Learners and in the event of all District Virtual Learning**
 - Parents **must pre-order** the meals each week via the [link on the District's Nutrition Services web page](#)
 - Meal pick up is on Fridays at the Middle School between 9:30 -10 a.m. at the concession stand window at the back of the building.
 - Meal kits are for the following week and are only for scheduled school days. Food items distributed will vary.
 - Meal pricing applies (free, reduced price, paid) and **meals must be prepaid** through IC parent portal

Children need healthy meals to learn. Madison Local Schools offers healthy meals each school day. Breakfast costs \$1.75 (K-5th grades) and \$2.25 (6th-12th grades); lunch costs \$3.25 (K-5th grades) and \$3.50 (6th-12th grades). **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals.** Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

- Who can receive free or reduced-price meals?** All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Ohio Works First (OWF); foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court; children participating in their school's Head Start program; and children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. Also, your children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the federal income eligibility guidelines.

Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$454
2	31,894	2,658	614
3	40,182	3,349	773
4	48,470	4,040	933
5	56,758	4,730	1,092
6	65,046	5,421	1,251
7	73,334	6,112	1,411
8	81,622	6,802	1,570
Each additional person:	8,288	691	160

- How do I know if my children qualify as homeless, migrant or runaway?** If members of your household lack a permanent address; are staying together in a shelter, hotel or other temporary housing arrangement; relocate on a seasonal basis or; children live with you who have chosen to leave their prior or family or household then the children may qualify as homeless, migrant or runaway. If you have not been told your children will receive free meals, please call or email Mary.Bender@madisonschools.net or 440-428-9332.
- Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Use one free and reduced-price school meal application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete. Please submit all required information. **Return the completed application to Mary.Bender@madisonschools.net or 440-428-9332.**
- Should I complete an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are approved already for free meals?** No, but please read the letter carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from the eligibility notification, contact Mary.Bender@madisonschools.net or 440-428-9332 immediately.
- Can I apply online?** Yes. You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if possible. The online application has the same requirements and will request the same information as the paper application. Visit the **district website** to learn more about the online application process.
- My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to complete another application?** Yes. Your child's application is valid for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You are required to submit a new application unless the school notified you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- I receive WIC benefits. Can my child(ren) get free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please submit a completed application.
- Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, we may also ask you to send written proof.
- If I do not qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to the following contact person: Kelly.Minnick@MadisonSchools.net or 440-428-9332.
- May I apply if someone else in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your child(ren) members do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.
- What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1,000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, submit the report with the routine amount of \$1,000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- What if some household members have no income to report?** Household members may not receive some types of income that are asked for you to report on the application or may not receive income at all. When this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those also will be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank.
- We are in the military. Do we report our income differently?** Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it also must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
- What if there is not enough space on the application for my family?** List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application.
- Why am I being asked to give my consent for an instructional fee waiver?** Ohio public schools are required to waive the school instructional fees for children who qualify for free meal benefits. School food service personnel must have parent consent to share the student meal application if your child(ren) qualify for a fee waiver. If you agree to allow your child(ren)'s meal application to be shared with school officials to see if they qualify for a fee waiver then select **yes** in part 5. If you do not wish for that information to be shared, then select **no** in part 5. Answering no to this question will mean your child will not be considered for a fee waiver. Answering this question either way will not change your child(ren)'s free or reduced-price meal eligibility.
- My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?** To find out how to apply for Ohio SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 877-852-0010.

If you have other questions or need help, call the Nutrition Services Department at 440-428-9332.