CAFETERIA NEWS AND NOTES

2026-2027

Free and Reduced Priced Meals

Applications for free and reduced priced meals are accepted throughout the school year. Meal benefits from last school year (2025-2026) will expire on October 13, 2026.

APPLY for Meal Benefits online at:

www.myschoolapps.com

Meal Benefit Applications may also be obtained from your school or by visiting the CCPS website.

Meal Prices

Breakfast

Elementary: $1.50
Middle: $1.75
High: $1.75

Lunch

Elementary: $2.50
Middle: $2.75
High: $3.00

Digital Menus

Interactive menus and nutritional information are available online! Visit: https://carrollk12.nutrislice.com or download the Nutrislice app for your iOS or Android device.

Employment

Interested in joining our food services team? Visit our website www.carrollk12.org or call 410-751-3040 for more information.

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BREAKFAST AND LUNCH SERVICE

A variety of breakfast and lunch choices are available daily for your child to enjoy. If you believe your family qualifies for free or reduced-price school meals, applications can be submitted online at: www.myschoolapps.com

MEAL CHARGE POLICY

In the event that a student forgets their money or does not have any money remaining on their account, Carroll County Public Schools will allow each student to charge breakfasts and lunches. Parent/Guardians will be notified of these charges. A charity account exists to help reduce unpaid meal debt for households with excessive charges. Students must have cash or money on their account to purchase a second meal (breakfast or lunch) or any a la carte items as these cannot be charged.
For more information visit www.carrollk12.org

WELLNESS POLICY

CCPS is committed to promoting student wellness and assuring that our school meals meet federal nutrition standards. Visit our website www.carrollk12.org to learn more about our policy and triennial assessment.

SMART SNACKS IN SCHOOLS

CCPS offers a variety of a la carte items for purchase in the cafeterias. Our a la carte food and beverage items meet the nutritional standards of the Smart Snacks in Schools regulations. Each student has a cafeteria account that they can access with an assigned PIN. To place money on account visit www.myschoolbucks.com or send cash or personal checks made out to your school with your child.

DONATE

Donations are always welcome to supplement our charge assistance program for those students in need. Contact Food Services at 410-751-3040 to donate or mail checks to:
CCPS Food Services,
125 North Court Street,
Westminster, MD 21157.
In memo line, please write “Charge Assistance Donation”

Meal Account and PIN Information

What is my child's PIN?

Every student who goes through our cafeteria line will use a unique five-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN) to access their account. Parents have the option to add any denomination to the account for the purchase of meals and snack items. It is a convenient way to ensure that money is not lost or forgotten during the hectic morning rush.

Parents can find their child's PIN in the CCPS Home Access Center (HAC). Once you sign on, the Cafeteria PIN will be located in the emergency section. Please help your child remember their number. It makes the line move faster and ensures that everyone has plenty of time to enjoy their meal. If they do happen to forget the number, the cashier will be able to find it for them.

How do I put money on the account?

Visit www.myschoolbucks.com and set up an account.

- You will be able to add any value to the cafeteria account with a credit card or electronic check. *
  **There is a service provider fee for credit card/electronic check transactions when using MySchoolBucks.*
- ***Free Method Option:*** Send in cash or a check to your child's school cafeteria.
  The cafeteria manager will add it to the account. Checks should be made payable to your child's school.

The money added to the account using either method can be used to purchase meals AND snack items.

Can I monitor what my child is purchasing?

Visit www.myschoolbucks.com Account set up is free.
Once you complete the simple registration process, you can set up low balance alerts and monitor purchases made in the cafeteria. You are only charged a transaction fee from MySchoolBucks if you use the account to deposit funds.

What happens if I forget to add money on my child's account?

If your child does not have cash or money on account, they will be able to charge meals (breakfast and lunch), but NOT snack items. Parent/Guardians will be emailed when a meal is charged so they can repay.

What happens to my account at the end of the school year?

- Money that remains on your child's account will carry over from year to year.
  The account will also automatically transfer to any Carroll County Public School.
- If your child graduates or no longer attends a CCPS school, use this link to let us know if you would like the account balance transferred to a sibling, donated, or refunded. https://forms.office.com/r/ieipsp12AQ
- ***BE SURE TO TURN OFF THE AUTO PAY/REPLENISH FEATURE BEFORE REQUESTING A REFUND***

Is my child's MySchoolBucks account balance automatically transferred from other School Districts/Counties?

Unfortunately, no. You must request a refund from the previous school district/county.
You will also need to change the district to Carroll County in your MySchooBucks account.

Sending cash or check to school and want to designate fund use?

You can use this form and send it into your student's school cafeteria.

Student's Name _____ Homeroom Teacher _____ Amount Enclosed $ _____

_____ Please place ALL of the money on my child's general account for the purchase of either meals, milk, or snacks.

_____ Please place the money on my child's account, but I want to specify:

$_____ for Breakfast & Lunch $ _____ for Milk or Snacks