

**Nutrition Services Update for the 2013-14 SY**  
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**Meal Prices**

No change in the Full Price for breakfast or lunch for SY 2013-14.

Elementary	Secondary MS & HS	Adults & Non- District children
Breakfast...\$1.75	Breakfast...\$2.00	Breakfast...\$2.75
Lunch..... \$2.75	Lunch..... \$3.00	Lunch..... \$4.00
Extra Milk .50	Extra Milk .50	Extra Milk .50

**Reduced Eat FREE at Breakfast & Lunch**

No co-pays are collected for breakfast or lunch in our district. Student’s eligible for Reduced Priced Meals may eat a complete BREAKFAST and LUNCH for Free in ALL Seattle schools.

**Free Breakfast Schools**

Breakfast is available at no cost to all students, regardless of eligibility for Free, Reduced or Full Pay meals at the following schools whose enrollment during the 2012-13 SY was on average 80% or greater in the Free or and Reduced category. Students are still required to take a “complete” breakfast per the federal meal reimbursement guidelines (no juice only breakfast)!

Elem. – Bailey Gatzert, Dearborn Park, Dunlap, Emerson, Highland Park, Martin Luther King, Northgate, Roxhill, Van Asselt, West Seattle Elementary & Wing Luke.  
 MS & HS – Aki Kurose, Rainier Beach, South Lake & World School @ Meany

**\*For the 2013-14 SY Concord & Hawthorne are no longer eligible as a Free Breakfast site.**

**Free & Reduced Priced Meal Applications**

The 2013-14 Application for School Meal Benefits (Free or Reduced Priced Meals) were mailed directly to the homes of all enrolled students August 12, 2013. English and translated applications are available for download on our website [www.seattleschools.org/meals](http://www.seattleschools.org/meals). Each Lunchroom Manager will additionally be provided a set of applications as part of our department start up meetings the week of August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Families must complete a new application each year. Students who were enrolled in SPS last year will start this year with their prior year’s eligibility for the first 30 school days (Free, Reduced or Full Pay) and remain at that eligibility until a new form is approved OR we reach the roll over date of **October 17, 2013**.

### **Annual Eligibility Roll Over**

Families have until **October 16, 2013** to submit and have approved an application to maintain or change their eligibility status for free or reduced priced meals. On **October 17, 2013** students roll over to full pay status if a new application has not been approved. *Families with students affected by the rollover (ie. no new application approved) are responsible to pay for any breakfast and lunch they receive unless they attend one of our free breakfast programs.*

New applications for school meal benefits are accepted and processed throughout the school year. Families may submit new applications if their income changes during the school year. They are not required to reapply if their income goes up; approval is for the entire school year. Applications are processed within 5 days of receipt in Nutrition Service's office.

### **Kindergarten Eligibility Match**

Nutrition Services will work to "match" newly enrolled Kindergarteners with their siblings in order to provide the Kindergartener the same eligibility as their sibling for the first 30 school days. Due to variations or differences in the spelling of a student's last name or a variation in address, our attempts at matching are not 100%. An annual family application for the 2013-14 school year will still need to be completed by the roll over date to maintain or change eligibility status.

### **Direct Certification**

Every month Nutrition Services directly certifies (or qualifies) students for free meals based on information downloaded directly from DSHS Food Stamp/TANF Recipients. Direct certification is a simplified method of determining a student's eligibility for free meals without an application. This usually results in about 9,000 students receiving free meal benefits without the need to process a paper application.

### **Breakfast & Lunch Menus**

Our goal is to have Elementary and Secondary menus posted by August 23<sup>rd</sup> on the department's website [www.seattleschools.org/meals](http://www.seattleschools.org/meals)

### **Charging Procedure for the 2013-14 SY**

It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to prepay for school meals; provide a breakfast or lunch from home; *or* complete an annual application establishing eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. Nutrition Services is unable to use state or federal funds to forgive student meal debts and has established guidelines to help families manage cafeteria accounts.

Elementary K-5: Students will be allowed to charge up to \$15.00 before emergency meal options are implemented. Emergency meals may be offered up to 3 consecutive days. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, students will be asked to provide a meal from home.

Middle School: Students will be allowed to charge up to \$10.00 before emergency meal options are implemented. Emergency meals may be offered up to 3 consecutive days. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, students will be asked to provide a meal from home.

High School: Students are not allowed to charge meals

**Return to work days for Nutrition Services Staff**

Elementary and K-8 staff are expected to return to work on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Middle and High School staff report back to work on Tuesday, September, 3<sup>rd</sup>.