SCHOOL LUNCH/BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The district takes part in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Nutritional meals are served every school day. Elementary students may buy lunch for $2.75 and breakfast for $1.75. Secondary students may buy lunch for $3.00 and breakfast for $2.00. All eligible students may receive meals free or at a reduced price of 40¢ for lunch and 30¢ for breakfast. Milk is offered with each meal.

Eligibility for free or reduced-price meals is based on income and family size. Application forms are available at each school and on the district website. NEW THIS YEAR: Parents are requested to complete the Free & Reduced Price Meal Application online. Please visit our website for more information (ssusd.org). Children who receive free or reduced-price meals must be treated in the same manner as those children who pay full price for their meals. In Child Nutrition programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. If you believe that there has been discrimination against your child, write to the USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, DC 20250-9410.

Until an approved Free or Reduced-Price Meal Application is on file, parents will be responsible for any meals charged to the student's account.

The Food Service Department provides substitutions or modifications in schools meals for students with disabilities when that need is supported by a statement signed by a licensed physician. Food substitutions may be made for individual children who do not have a disability, but who are medically certified as having a special medical or dietary need. Such determinations are made on a case-by-case basis upon the submission of a signed medical statement. The school emergency card does not replace the signed medical statement form. The medical statement form is available at school offices and on the district website. If a medical statement is already in place for your child, please provide us with an updated document as soon as circumstances change.

Prepayment for more than one meal at a time is strongly encouraged and may be made in the early morning at the school cafeteria. You may pay for those meals online, please visit our website (ssusd.org). This reduces the need for frequent deposits and daily cash handling, enabling the Food Service staff to provide faster and better service. Cash or checks will be accepted. Households with more than one child at the same school should designate the amount of money to be placed into each child's meal account, as account balances cannot be shared. When paying for meals, please make all checks payable to "School site name + Cafeteria." Please put your child (ren)'s name on checks or envelope with cash. Account balances may be carried over to the next school year or to another site if your child has moved. Refunds are available with a written request; however, requests for refunds over $10 may take up to two weeks to process.

During the last three weeks of the school year, charging of cafeteria meals will not be allowed and checks will not be accepted. Please contact the Food Service Department by telephone at 499-1880 or by email to FoodService@ssusd.org for any additional information.