Concord Public Schools Lunch SY22-23

Welcome to the Concord-Carlisle High School and the Concord Public Schools. We use a prepayment system for all school meals, milk, and a la carte purchases. There are two options to participate in the prepayment system. One option is to send a check and the other option is to pay online at MySchoolBucks.com; however, the MySchoolBucks.com option will not be available for new students until August 29th, 2022.

- Go online to MySchoolBucks.com to prepay (preferred option). The web site will prompt you through a series of steps to make your prepayment using a credit card or debit card. (You must use your student's ID number (C####) or Birthdate when making prepayments). Please note that funds from Credit/Debit cards are typically available for use the next business day.
- The online payment system also allows you to sign up and receive email notification of your child's balance when it reaches a threshold that you determine. (We strongly recommend this email notification and maintaining a minimum balance of at least \$20.00). This is a free service. (Note: you do not have to pay online to receive this email notification of your child's lunch balance; however, you will need to register your child's name, with ID number, on this web site). This will be the best way to see your child's balance. It will remind you to replenish the lunch account because the funds are low. We will not be mailing notices to your home to alert you of a low account balance.

We strongly recommend that you place funds into the lunch account for your child by mailing a check to the Food Service Department by <u>August 20, 2022</u>, to allow us time to process your payment prior to the beginning of school. We suggest a \$50 minimum. The funds will be available to your child when school begins. It will be one less thing to do on your "back to school" list. Having the money ready will provide your child funds should he/she decide to purchase a lunch or milk. Children often purchase food and milk, even when lunch is brought from home.

Please make a check payable to the <u>Food Service Department</u> and mail to the Ripley Building, 120 Meriam Road, Concord, MA 01742 attention: Food Service Dept. or deliver a check to your child's school office.

Each student has a lunch account which is accessed by using his/her school assigned **key pad number** at the register. The **key pad number** is different from the **student ID number**. In Aspen, this number can be found under **LUNCH Key Pad #.** Students enter their number into the keypad located at each register to purchase their food. New students will receive help with this from food service staff when

school begins.

In addition to sending checks, you may also make payments to your child's lunch account by going online at **MySchoolBucks.com**.

Free and Reduced Lunch Application posted here. You may print out the form, complete it and send it to the **Food Service Department**, **120 Meriam Road**, **Concord**, **MA 01742**, or jebrown@concordps.org to determine if you qualify. The current lunch price for K-12 is **FREE**! **Breakfast and lunch always include a milk choice as well as fruits and grains.** Currently, milk purchased separately is \$.65 at all grade levels. Please note that the prices for lunch and milk are subject to change.

Please note the changes to our lunch offerings on Wednesdays at our elementary schools this year: Due to the perimeters surrounding the state of Massachusetts funded Public School Lunch Program this year, we are not able to offer students "to go" lunches, as we have over the past 2 school years. Unlike the federal funding we received for school lunches during the last 2 years of the pandemic, these state guidelines require that all lunches offered to students must be consumed onsite in each school building.

This means that on early release Wednesdays at the elementary schools we are only able to offer lunch to students who will be staying at school beyond the early release hours, and require lunch. These students are often participating in the afterschool program at our elementary schools, and will not be heading home for the day until the afternoon.

The **Wednesday Early Release Onsite Lunch** tab in NutriSlice is designed for those families with students staying at school later than the early release hours on Wednesday, participating in the afterschool program, and needing a lunch.

For assistance, please call Jess Brown, Director of Food and Nutrition, at the Food Service Dept. at 978-202-1165 or email at jebrown@concordps.org

NutriSlice- Our contactless ordering system available on both desktop, and mobile platforms. Though your child will still be able to order when they arrive, we highly encourage parents K-8 to pre-order before 8am day of attendance..

• Please create your students accounts here VERY IMPORTANT

- You will need your students lunch ID # to complete the profile. If you or your student does not remember theirs, or if you are a new student to the district, please check your Aspen account and see <u>"Lunch Key Pad #</u>.
- When ordering, please be sure that you are selecting the appropriate building, grade and class for your student(s). Menus are published and ready for your review.
- Each menu item listed is a full reimbursable meal and comes with Fruit and your students choice of Orange Juice or MIlk.
- Ordering needs to be done daily by 8am day of attendance, and can be done up to 5 days in advance.
- If you would like to order more than one meal for your student, the "second" lunch does come with a charge of \$3.85.
- Feedback mechanisms on NutriSlice, we encourage you to rate and provide feedback on meals so that we can learn and improve our services to better fit your needs.

Please follow our Instagram accounts for all the grade levels...elementary, middle, and high school. Their names and hashtags are as follows:

Elementary Schools: **ces3_caf** #alcottcaf #thoreaucaf #willardcaf

Middle Schools: cms2_caf #peabodycaf #sanborncaf

High School: cchs_caf #cchscaf