What's New in Dining Services

Spring Cove School District

Perhaps you've heard about the all new federal regulations regarding school lunch. This document is designed to help you understand the new program.

This fall, Spring Cove School District cafeterias are meeting tough new federal nutrition standards for school meals, ensuring that meals are healthy and well balanced and provide students all the nutrition they need to succeed at school. Now is a great time to encourage your child(ren) to choose school lunch!

School meals offer students milk, fruits, vegetables, proteins and grains, and they must meet strict limits on saturated fat and portion size. Beginning in School Year 2014-2015, school lunches will meet additional standards requiring:

- Age-appropriate calorie limits
- Larger servings of vegetables and fruits (students must take at least one serving of produce)
- A wider variety of vegetables, including dark green and red/orange vegetables and legumes
- Fat-free or 1% milk (flavored milk will be fat-free)
- More whole grains
- And less sodium

When possible and available, Metz Culinary Management is proud to utilize local produce in our program.

Leave Your Lunchbox At Home!

Buying lunch at school is a nutritious and healthy option and can help save money.

Cost of Spring Cove School District Lunch

Elementary - \$1.90 Middle School - \$2.15 High School - \$215 Reduced - \$0.40 & Free With many nutritious and delicious options offered daily; there's something to please everyone.

What Makes a New School Lunch?

Each day your child will be offered a complete lunch, which includes a serving of:

- 1. Meat/Meat Alternate
- 2. Bread
- 3. Fruit
- 4. Vegetable
- 5. Milk

In order for a lunch to be in compliance with the <u>new</u> guidelines; students must choose at <u>least three</u> of the five components and <u>one must be a <u>fruit</u>. Some examples include:</u>

- 1. Meat/Meat Alternative + Grain/Bread + Fruit + Milk
- 2. Meat/Meat Alternative + Grain/Bread + + Fruit
- 3. Meat/Meat Alternative + Grain/Bread + Fruit
- 4. Meat/Meat Alternative + Grain/Bread + Fruit + Vegetable + Milk

*Please note that each example includes a fruit or vegetable.



Payment Options

Automatic payments can be made by logging on to www.mynutrikids.com. Parents can create an account, check their child's account balance, track when their child is eating and make payments to their cafeteria account via credit or debit cards. Adding payments via credit or debit card is subject to a \$1.75 transaction fee as per the MyNutrikids website.

Parents may also make a deposit by personal check, payable to the Spring Cove School District Cafeteria fund or by cash. Cafeteria deposit envelopes are readily available in the cafeteria lines and school offices. The envelopes are to be given to the cashier in the cafeteria. Deposits will appear in the student's account as soon as they are entered by the cashier.

Free and reduced lunch must be applied for at the start of every school year. The application is available online or in the District offices or cafeterias.

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