



We are super excited about the upcoming school year! We continue to add school lunch options that are healthy, and what students want to eat. All schools offer breakfast, we encourage your student to try it!! This year we will have even more options available for breakfast. When a child eats a healthy breakfast at school, you have more time in the morning!

The new menus for the 2021-2022 school year are posted on [www.sylvaniaschools.org](http://www.sylvaniaschools.org) after August 2, 2021. Check back for updates to menus!

We encourage parents to deposit money online into the student's account at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) or to send a check or cash with your student to school. Funds will be deposited by the next business day. When sending in money, please include the student district ID number on the check or envelope so it is deposited into the correct account. All information is securely contained within our point of sale system.

Our system allows students *to charge full meals and carry a balance*. We will **not** take food from a child in the lunch line.

Monthly emails are sent to the email address provided to us for any lunch account balance over -\$5.00 in arrears (meaning negative accounts). Periodically, all lunch account balances with charges over -\$5.00 in arrears (negative) are transferred to the student's Power School account and collected by the treasurer's office with other school fees. You will receive an email at that time also. All meal charges are the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian and will be collected like other student fees.

*\*We ask that you submit a request via email to [holston@sylvaniaschools.org](mailto:holston@sylvaniaschools.org) OR to [tmay@sylvaniaschools.org](mailto:tmay@sylvaniaschools.org) in writing to the food services department if you do not want your student to be able to charge meals. In that case, the meal account **MUST** have money on the account or the student must have cash to purchase. There are a variety of ways to configure limitations on your student's account. We can set a total charge limit or even a per day a la carte limit. You may call the food service office at 419-824-8655 or 419-824-8511 to discuss the options available.*

#### **FOOD ASSISTANCE:**

**Summer food needs:** Please contact Sylvania Area Family Services at: 419-882-8415

**Families that need assistance with school meals:** Through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Act the free and reduced meal application will be available online after August 2, 2021 at [www.sylvania.heartlandapps.com](http://www.sylvania.heartlandapps.com). The online application is private, easy and submitted electronically. During the regular school year, we process applications throughout each day. If you qualify for free/reduced meal program through the National School Breakfast and Lunch Act, you **MAY** qualify to have school fees waived or reduced.

All students who were approved last year for free or reduced meals will be on a temporary status through the first 30 school days of a new school year, and will need to **fill out a new application for this school year**. Please fill out the online application as soon as possible to avoid loss of benefits after this date.

**Due to the Covid pandemic:** Beginning the school year 2020-2021 the US government authorized each student in the United States to receive 1 full breakfast and 1 full lunch free each school day. At this time, the pandemic free school meal program will continue for the 2021-2022 school year, but does not waive or reduce other school fees.

Thank you for your time and cooperation

Sincerely,

**Ray Holston**

Supervisor, Student Nutrition Department