



THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of the computerized meal system used in the cafeterias at the Ewing schools. **Every student already has an account set up in this system.** All students, whether they receive free or reduced price meals or pay full price for their meals, are able to take advantage of the system as follows:

At the elementary level, the school will hold student's ID cards to give to them each day to use on the cafeteria line. The dollar value of their purchases will be deducted when your child uses his/her card.

At the middle school and high school, all students will use their student ID number for any cafeteria purchase. The student ID number is unique to each child, contains eight digits, begins with "20" and can be found on their class schedule. This number will be entered on a PIN pad at the cash register. Please be sure your child has learned his/her Student ID Number.

If your child is approved for free or reduced price meals in the Ewing Schools, his/her meal status will be recorded in the system. This system is very confidential. Money may be placed on account to pay for reduced price meals or extra beverage or snacks.

If your child pays full price for meals, you may place money on account to be used for meals, extra beverages or snacks.

Please note that this is not a credit system. Elementary and Middle School students will be permitted to use their accounts to borrow for a meal if they forget their lunch or have no money. Cashiers will make every effort to inform students that their account is low or negative and offer a blank deposit form. The money must be repaid as soon as parents/guardians are notified by email, letter or Instant Alert. It is important that email addresses are updated in student records and phone numbers are accurate in Instant Alert www.instantalert.honeywell.com. The charge parameters are detailed in the charge notification letter and on the district website www.ewing.k12.nj.us under Food Services.

High School students are not permitted to charge meals in the cafeteria and no students, regardless of grade, will be permitted to charge snacks. Students will not be able to purchase snacks if they owe money to the cafeteria. Parents who wish to limit their student's purchases in grades K-8 may call or email the Food Service Department at (609) 538-9800 ext. 7106 or foodservice@ewingboe.org.

Payschoolscentral.com is our on-line meal account management system for parents/guardians. This site replaces payforit.net but uses the same log information if already set up. You may transfer funds from your checking account or pay using a credit card. Also with this service, you may check your child's account balance, set up e-mail alerts and auto-replenish your child's account. You may set up on-line accounts for your children with their student ID numbers (Parents may call Food Service at 609-538-9800 ext.7106 for this ID number) and a credit card or checking account number. There is a fee associated with making on-line payments: \$1.95 per transaction for all checking account transfers or credit card payments of less than \$50. The fee for credit card payments of \$50 or more will be 4.75 percent. There is no charge for checking student balances and receiving e-mail alerts.

Money may also be deposited at the school using the attached form. A Cafeteria Account Form should be completed and sent with your payment in a clearly marked, sealed envelope to your child's school cafeteria. Prior to the opening of school, money may be placed on your child's account at the Food Service Office at the Gusz Building at 220 Ewingville Rd. The Food Service Department accepts checks (in the amount of \$10.00 or more) or cash. Please make checks payable to the *Ewing Twp. Food Service Department* and include your child's name and school in the memo line of the check. *There will be a bounced check fee of \$25 charged for checks returned from the bank for insufficient funds.*

If you have any questions about this system or our school meals program, you may call or email the Food Service office at (609) 538-9800 ext. 7106 or (foodservice@ewingboe.org). We look forward to providing healthy meals for your students.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Pernice

Alyssa Pernice, Food Service Director

The Ewing Public Schools

Providing a Foundation for Life

CAFETERIA MEAL PRICES 2018-2019

Antheil, Lore, Parkway

Breakfast \$1.70
Lunch \$2.80

Fisher Middle School

Breakfast \$1.75
Lunch \$3.05

Ewing High School

Breakfast \$1.80
Lunch \$3.15

**If approved for reduced price meals:
 Breakfast - 30¢, Lunch - 40¢ at all schools**

Please check the district website for more detailed information about the Food Service Department including: menus, charging policy, cafeteria account form and meal application:

www.ewing.k12.nj.us
District Information, Food Service

On-line meal account management system:

www.payschoolscenter.com



CAFETERIA ACCOUNT FORM

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SCHOOL: (CHECK ONE)

EHS _____ **FMS** _____ **ANTHEIL** _____ **LORE** _____ **PARKWAY** _____

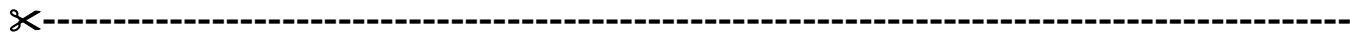
Student's Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Date:** _____

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ELEMENTARY AND FMS: If you wish to limit the snacks/beverages your child purchases, contact the Food Service Department at 609-538-9800 x7106 or email foodservice@ewingboe.org

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

Check # _____ \$ _____ OR Cash \$ _____

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