

Ledyard Public Schools Meal Program Guidelines

Effective April 4, 2016

For families new to the cafeteria this year, and as a reminder for those returning, here are a few guidelines on how the cafeteria operates.

#1 – Cost

| | Elementary School | Middle School | High School Standard | High School Premium |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Milk | \$0.50 | \$ 0.50 | \$ 0.50 | N/A |
| Breakfast | \$2.10 | \$ 2.10 | \$ 2.10 | N/A |
| Lunch | \$2.70 | \$ 3.00 | \$ 3.00 | \$ 3.95 |

The “meal” price includes the main entrée, **one** 8-oz. milk, and a daily fruit or vegetable selection. The new USDA regulations mandated that a “meal” include a **fruit or a vegetable**. If your child chooses not to take one of these options, we must charge the à la carte price of a full meal price for the entrée plus \$0.50 for their milk. Please encourage your children to take a fruit or vegetable with their meal.

Free or Reduced Price lunch students must purchase, with cash, any à la carte item.

#2 – Placing Money on Your Child’s School Lunch Account

There are two ways:

- 1) Go to <https://www.myschoolbucks.com> and register for a free account.

Ledyard Public Schools use this on-line service called MySchoolBucks.com. This program offers families the convenience and information needed to manage their children's meal account. It provides an easy-to-use, efficient way to make payments quickly and securely anytime using a simple Internet connection. With MySchoolBucks.com, any family can create a free, secure account in order to check their student's current account balance and monitor the items their child purchases in the cafeteria.

Parents can also sign up to receive email notifications when the account reaches a low balance.

Using myschoolbucks.com:

- a) A confirmation email will be sent to the email address you provide; click on the link included in the email message to activate your account.
 - b) Activate your account and begin adding your students. You will need the school name and your student’s ID#. You can also track your child’s purchases and manage his/her balance through their account.
 - c) Add funds to your student’s account with your Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card, debit card or electronic check. Please note there is a \$1.95 flat transaction fee per transaction. Money deposited into lunch accounts can take up to 24 hours to post.
- 2) A second option is to send money or a check, made out to **Ledyard BOE School Milk Fund**, with children to school to be added to their account. These funds will be applied to your child’s account. Any questions can be directed to the Business Manager at 860-464-9255 x215.

Reminder:

Though it is ultimately the parent/guardian responsibility to appropriately fund the account, a note or an email will be sent to you when your child has \$5.00 remaining in the account. In the event the funds in your child’s account goes below zero, he/she will lose the opportunity to purchase lunches or à la carte items until money is put on his/her account. You will receive a second note or an email notifying you that your child’s account has a negative balance and can no longer charge.

Please do not allow your child’s account to reach this stage. We’ve had many unhappy students when their choices are taken away. We want their experience in the cafeteria to be happy ones!

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