# FAQ's for 2025-2026 NISD Child Nutrition

#### 1. What is the cost for meals?

Breakfast costs \$1.00; Lunch Costs \$2.35 for secondary (Middle & High School) and \$2.10 for Elementary School. There is **no cost** for breakfast or lunch for students who qualify for **reduced-price meals** at all grade levels. **NOTE:** Students attending <u>CEP Campuses</u> are served breakfast and lunch at no cost. A La Carte items will be charged at the individual prices.

2025-2026 MEAL PRICES	PAID		REDUCED	
BREAKFAST	\$	1.00	\$	-
LUNCH - (ELEM)	\$	2.10	\$	-
LUNCH - (MIDDLE/HIGH)	\$	2.35	\$	-
ADULT/VISITOR				
BREAKFAST	\$	3.50		
SPECIAL EVENT BREAKFAST	\$	4.00		
LUNCH	\$	5.20		
A La Carte items will be charged at the individual prices.				

Special breakfast events may be held at schools that are coordinated by campus staff and/or the PTA. Examples may include Grandparent's Day, Military Appreciation, Mother's Day, and Father's Day. The adult breakfast menu for special events will vary and will be priced at \$4.00.

## 2. Do I need to apply for Free & Reduced meals?

Your child(ren) may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Households with children in Non-CEP schools interested in the meal program must apply for the program every school year. The application will determine a child's eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and may assist in the determination of eligibility for other state or federal benefits.

- Apply online at <u>www.schoolcafe.com/Northside</u> beginning July 28th.
- Applications are available at your school or the Free & Reduced Office at 7520 Mainland Drive, San Antonio, TX 78250.
- For more information, contact the Free & Reduced office at (210) 397-4517 or email free-reduced@nisd.net.

**NOTE:** Families that have children attending CEP Campuses DO NOT need to fill out a Free & Reduced-Price Meal Application. For a list of CEP campuses click here.

### 3. Where can I make payments or obtain a refund on my student's meal account?

Payments for meals or A la Carte items can be made online at <a href="www.schoolcafe.com/Northside">www.schoolcafe.com/Northside</a>
(note: a \$2.25 convenience fee will be charged per transaction; the maximum payment allowed per transaction is \$100)

- Other forms of payments such as cash and checks may be made during operational hours at your child's cafeteria with no additional fees.
- Prior year balances will be rolled forward to the student's new school.
- If a child has withdrawn or graduated, you may contact <a href="mailto:childnutrition@nisd.net">childnutrition@nisd.net</a> for a refund or remaining funds can be donated back to the child nutrition program.

#### 4. What is on the menu?

Visit www.schoolcafe.com/Northside/menus for our online interactive menus.

## 5. What is School Café?

SchoolCafé is a single location for your all your cafeteria needs.

- Free & Reduced-price meal applications can be accessed and completed on SchoolCafé.
- School*Café* is a safe and secure way for parents to make online payments, view purchase history, and receive low balance alerts for their children's cafeteria accounts.
- School *Café* also allows parents, students and staff to view and interact with school cafeteria menus, view nutritional analysis, ingredient and allergen information.

# 6. What is the Supper Program?

- The Supper program is offered at state-approved, participating Elementary and Middle Schools.
- A Supper meal will be provided to students enrolled in an after-school enrichment program at NO COST.
- Visit <u>SchoolCafé</u> to see what will be served for supper each day.

# 7. Who can I contact if my child has food allergies or special dietary needs?

- Email the district office at <u>specialdiets@nisd.net</u>
- For additional information, view the <a href="Menu & Special Diet Information">Menu & Special Diet Information</a> on our website <a href="nisd.net/schools/menus">nisd.net/schools/menus</a>.

#### 8. Who do I contact if I have additional questions about student meals?

You may contact your student's Cafeteria Manager or the Child Nutrition office at (210) 397-4501 or via email at <a href="mailto:childnutrition@nisd.net">childnutrition@nisd.net</a>.

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