



**Child Nutrition
Department**

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

It is not Northside School District's intent that children go hungry at school. Child Nutrition Services believes proper nutrition is important for student wellness and academic success; however, we also have a fiscal responsibility to stay in compliance with Federal Guidelines. In order to meet this obligation, parents / guardians are responsible for purchases made by their student(s) in the cafeteria. It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to either provide their children's meals or pay for meals offered. Free & Reduced Meal Benefits are available to families that qualify. Applications must be completed and approved annually for meal benefits.

Note: Students enrolled at Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Schools receive meals at no cost. For a list of CEP Schools: www.nisd.net/schools/menus/community-eligibility

Please review the following NISD Charge Policy Information:

Elementary, Middle & High Schools

When a meal account becomes negative, cafeteria staff and/or NISD Notification System will notify the household. For payment arrangements, please contact your cafeteria manager.

Students will be allowed a maximum of \$5.00 (five dollars) in meal charges. After a student account has accrued this limit, a **Meal Deal** at breakfast and lunch will be offered at no charge with a designated menu entrée, side items and choice of milk. Students will continue to receive **Meal Deals** until all cafeteria charges are paid. **No a la carte items may be charged at any time.**

Please come join us for breakfast and lunch and see our dining experience at the **Northside Eats Café**. You may visit our website at <https://www.nisd.net/schools/menus> for more information.

The following forms of payment are accepted to ensure your student has breakfast and lunch available:

Cash, Checks and Money Orders are accepted at your cafeteria.

Credit Cards are accepted online at: [MySchoolBucks](#)

Interested in applying for Free & Reduced Meal Benefits?

Apply online at <https://www.schoolcafe.com/> or call 397-4517 for assistance.

Sincerely,

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