



**Saratoga Union School District
Child Nutrition Department
Meal Charge Procedure**

School Lunches

The Governing Board recognizes that students need adequate, nourishing food in order to grow, learn, and maintain good health. The Food Service/Child Nutrition Program analyzes the nutritional value of all school lunches to assure that they meet the nutritional needs of our students and the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Breakfast and lunch are provided every day at all district schools. Meal accounts can be prepaid or paid with cash in-hand daily. The district has a Point of Sale system with pre-pay options. Look for a flyer to come home with your student at the start of the school year. Meal prices are as follows:

Elementary & Middle School prices:

- Breakfast \$2.25
- Lunch \$3.50
- Milk \$.75
- Juice \$.50

Adult Prices

- Breakfast \$2.75
- Lunch \$4.00

Free and Reduced Price Meal

Parents/guardians may apply for free & reduced price meals through a confidential application process. Free lunches are available at all schools for student who qualify based on family income. If you now receive Food Stamps, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWorks), Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments (Kin GAP), Food Distribution on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits, or Medicaid your child may receive free meals. Free breakfasts are also available at all schools. A new letter and application outlining the free meal program is distributed to all students each year as required by the federal government. For information about this program, call the Child Nutrition Department at (408) 867-3042 ext. 212. Free and Reduced Lunch applications are located in each school office or can be filled out online by going to www.ezmealapp.com. Only one application is required per family.

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Students and adults are expected to pay cash daily or pay in advance for all food purchases. The district recognizes that occasionally students may forget to bring money to school or their parent/guardian may let the account balance lapse. To ensure that no student goes hungry, the district will enforce the following policy for students:

Students in Free & Reduced Price Meal Program:

Students who qualify to receive free meals should never have a negative balance. The USDA allows one free breakfast and one free lunch daily. Additional meals or a la carte purchases may be purchased at full price with cash in advance.

All other Students: Parents are expected to keep their child's lunch account current. Parents are responsible for any negative balance accrued by their student(s). Students who have no money on their account will be allowed to charge the meal of their choice for up to \$10.50. After a student has reached a negative balance of \$10.50 the student will be allowed to receive a breakfast (bagel & fruit), or lunch (sandwich & fruit) and will continue to be charged at the full breakfast and lunch price. Food Service staff and school site staff may assist in collection efforts to bring the account current. Parents will be notified of their delinquent balance by a paper slip sent home with their student, a phone call to the home, and any other efforts necessary.

Adults are never allowed to charge a meal or a la carte purchase causing their account to become negative. Adults are encouraged to set up a pre-paid account.

Save \$\$\$



Breakfast \$2.25

Lunch \$ 3.50

Milk \$0.75

Juice \$0.50



Don't forget to fill out a Free/Reduced Meal Application
and you may be able to save over

\$1,000.00 annually

Applications are available at school office.

Printable applications can also be found at

<https://saratogausd.sodexomyway.com/>

Make Payments to your student's meal account online!! With **EZSchoolPay.com**, you can add money to your student's meal account using a Visa, MasterCard or Discover (credit or debit).

Other EZSchoolPay services include online history or your student's meal activity, and low-balance email alerts.

These EZSchoolPay services are free to the parent!

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