



FREE SCHOOL LUNCH MEALS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Due to a provision in the CARES ACT, the USDA is allowing ALL students to receive free school meals through December 31, 2020 or until the funds are exhausted, whichever is first. Our school has elected to implement the free meals beginning on September 1, 2020. All student accounts will be credited for meal charges assessed since September 1st. Ala carte purchases cannot be credited back to accounts. Effective January 1, 2021 or when the CARES Act funding is no longer available, students will again be charged for meals based on Free, Reduced and Paid meal eligibility. When this change occurs, we will communicate promptly to families that meal charges will return to normal operations based on student eligibility for Free, Reduced and Paid price meals.

Any money deposited into the student's lunch accounts will remain in the account to use for ala carte items purchased during the next three months, or to be used to purchase meals once the program has been discontinued. If you have an automatic payment made to your students' lunch account through eFunds or ACH, please review these payments and consider putting these payments on hold until January.

If you have any questions on the free lunch program for all students, please contact Kim Gibson (kgibson@ginorthwest.org) 308-385-6398 in the District Office.