

PARENTS' GUIDE TO SCHOOL LUNCH

The Kimberly Area School District participates in the National School Lunch Program in a partnership with Chartwells School Dining Service. Students may purchase lunch every day or as often as they like. Students may “brown-bag-it” if they prefer. We strive for the lunch program to be simple-to-use, appealing, and nutritious. Please consult this flyer for lunch and breakfast program guidelines, as there have been changes made since last school year.

OUR GOAL

Menus are planned with a goal of providing a variety of nourishing items at an affordable price. Community food preferences are considered so that students will like the choices that are offered. Students are encouraged to try different foods and to use the cafeteria as a learning laboratory for making nutritious choices.

OFFER-VERSUS-SERVE

KASD provides Offer-versus-Serve, which is a serving method that allows students to take foods that they will eat. The intent of Offer-versus-Serve is to allow students the right to refuse food items they do not like or do not plan on eating. Offer-versus-Serve helps increase student acceptability and decrease food waste.

COURTESY MEAL

The KASD does not want children to be hungry at school. Yet, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to pay for school meals or to send a bag lunch from home. When a student does not have a lunch or the means to purchase one, the KASD will provide a courtesy meal consisting of a cheese sandwich, serving of fruit, a serving of vegetables and half pint of milk.

ADULTS AND VISITORS PAY A BIT MORE

Because federal reimbursements and commodities are not received for lunches sold to school staff or visitors, adults pay more for the food than students. However, the cost is significantly less than what people pay at a restaurant for the same type or amount of food.

JOIN YOUR CHILD FOR LUNCH

We welcome you to join your child for lunch any day. Please call the school office by 8 a.m. to let us know. Use your child's lunch account when paying for your lunch. The account will be charged \$3.35 for the adult lunch.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS ARE POSTED AND CAN BE FOUND AT:

kimberly.nutrislice.com

THE BREAKFAST MENU

Students may select 3 or 4 food items, with one being ½ cup fruit or vegetable to be considered a complete meal. If no fruit or vegetable is chosen, the student will be charged ala carte pricing for each item.

***Breakfast Prices**

Free and Reduced	\$0.00
Elementary	\$1.30
Intermediate	\$1.55
Middle School	\$1.55
High School	\$1.55
Adult	\$1.65

THE LUNCH MENU

A nutritious lunch is provided every school day in all schools. A reimbursable lunch consists of an entrée (protein), vegetable, fruit, bread, and milk. Students may select three, four, or five of the offered items to make a reimbursable meal.

Elementary Schools offer a choice of entree, vegetables, canned and fresh fruits, grain items and milk is included. *Extra milk is available to purchase for .40 cents.*

Intermediate, Middle and High Schools offer a variety of hot entrées, choice of hot sandwiches, deli subs, wraps, salads, vegetables, canned and fresh fruits, milk, and a la carte items.

***Lunch Prices**

Elementary	\$2.60
Intermediate	\$2.85
Middle School	\$2.90
High School	\$2.95
MS/HS Premium	\$3.55
Adult Lunch	\$3.75
Adult Premium	\$4.25

A la carte option: the a la carte option at the Intermediate, Middle and High School consist of individual sales of various sandwiches, pizza, fresh fruits, vegetables, salads, juice, milk and healthy snacks and beverages.

***For a full list of a la carte options with pricing or to restrict your child from purchasing a la carte options, use the link at the top of the page.**

<http://chartwellsk12.compass-usa.com/KimberlyAreaSchoolDistrict/whats-cooking>

**Pre-pay for meals with cash or check*

The KASD suggests that parents pay in advance for school meals and milk. You can send cash or check on a weekly, monthly, or semester basis for deposit in the **Infinite Campus Lunch Account**.

- Put cash or a check (**payable to the KASD**) in an envelope. On the outside of the envelope, write the FULL names of your children.
- OR, mail your lunch money to:
KASD Dining Services/Chartwells
1662 E Kennedy Ave.
Kimberly, WI 54136
- To have money in your child's account on the first day of school, please make a deposit at registration or mail by August 28th.
- During the school year, money received in the morning will be recorded in time for **today's lunch**.
- Students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals may get one reimbursable breakfast **and** lunch each day. **Additional milk or ala carte items, are not included in the free & reduced program.** Parents may put money in the Infinite Campus Account for this purpose.

KEEPING TRACK OF YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT BALANCE

Infinite Campus: Automated phone calls and emails will be sent weekly for a student whose account balances falls below \$6.45.

Start off the new school year on the right foot...Log in to your ***Infinite Campus Parent Portal Account!*** We are excited to offer this new, integrated service. This convenient online service allows you to prepay for your students meal accounts and monitor their nutritional choices – in the same place you check your students' grades and attendance!

If you do not have an active Parent Portal account – use the link at the bottom of this page for information on how to activate your portal account today!

This no-cost tool allows you to check account balances, receive low-balance email notifications, as well as to monitor what food choices your student purchases at school. Parents will also have the option to make a prepayment to their child's meal account using MasterCard or Visa at the website for a \$1.75 transaction fee! This eliminates the worry about lost or forgotten lunch money forever.

You can Log into Infinite Campus or set up your account following the link below:

<http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/departments/info-tech/infinite-campus>

FREE AND REDUCED PRICED MEALS

You can access the Free and Reduced Application online by using the following link:

<http://chartwellsk12.compass-usa.com/KimberlyAreaSchoolDistrict>

Free and reduced-price breakfast and lunches are available if your family qualifies based on family size and income as established by federal guidelines. Students who qualify for reduced status may receive breakfast at no charge and reduced-priced lunch (all grade levels) is 40¢.

Milk to drink with a lunch from home is not included in the free & reduced program.

Until you are approved for the free or reduced program, you will be charged for breakfast and lunch purchases.

- **An application must be filled out every year, UNLESS** you have already been notified by mail that your children qualify for free meals through the direct certification process. **If so, do not fill out a paper application!** You may apply at any time during the school year—simply contact your child’s school office or the district office for an application or apply online.
- To qualify for free or reduced-priced meals by the first day of school on September 5, applications should be returned by August 27th to allow time for processing.
- Application forms for free and reduced-priced meals will be available at registration, online thru Infinite Campus parent portal, open houses and on the first day of school. Forms are also available at school offices any time during the school year.
- Continuing students who received free or reduced-priced meals at the end of the 2016-17 school year will continue to receive meals until October 15, 2017.
- **To re-qualify for the remainder of 2017-18, families must submit a new application before October 15, 2017.**

TIPS FOR COMPLETING THE FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE APPLICATION

If you are currently receiving Foodshare, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), W-2 Cash Benefits, or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations), the only information required is your child’s name, the Foodshare, TANF, or FDPIR case number, and your signature. You may have already been notified by mail that your children qualify for free meals through the direct certification process. If so, no application is necessary.

If you are not receiving any of the above benefits, your application must include the names of all household members and the current amount of income received by each member. Additionally, you must sign the application and include the last four digits of your social security number.

Once the application is returned to the school, you can expect to be contacted within about 5 days. If you are not contacted within 10 days, call Cindy Weiher (920) 423-4159 to ask about the status of your application.

If you have questions, comments or concerns, please contact Janelle Schultz, Director of Dining Services Office at 920-423-4159 or Email at: janelleschultz@kimberly.k12.wi.us