



Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101

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Date: March 1, 2021
To: Parents/Guardians of Incoming Kindergarten Students
From: Food Service Department

Welcome 2021/2022 Kindergarten students! Below are important details regarding the Sedro-Woolley School District's Food Service Program.

As you may be aware, the United States Department of Agriculture provided waivers that allow school districts to provide free meals to ALL students until the end of the 2020-2021 school year. We do not have guidance that this will continue into the 2021-2022 school year, and highly encourage all families to plan on submitting a Free/Reduced meal application for the 2021-2022 school year if they believe they qualify for meal benefits. The application for next school year will be available in the summer of 2021.

Food Service Program Information

- The Sedro-Woolley School District participates in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Therefore, all meals offered and served must meet United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines:
 - A reimbursable breakfast consists of at least three items from the following food categories:
*Whole Grains *Fruit *Milk
 - A reimbursable lunch consists of at least three components from the following food categories:
*Whole Grains *Meat/Meat Alternate *Fruit *Vegetables *Milk

Please Note: In keeping with Covid-19 food safety guidelines, meals are currently offered as "Grab and Go" similar to our Summer Food Program. Families will be notified as changes are implemented.

- Menus can be found on the Sedro-Woolley School District website under "Departments – Food Services - Menus".

Meal Benefit Information

Any family residing within the Sedro-Woolley School District boundaries is eligible to apply for free or reduced priced meal benefits. Meal benefits are extended to families who meet specific income guidelines outlined by USDA. The Food Service Department encourages families that may qualify to submit an application at any time during the school year.

If you already have students enrolled in the district that receive meal benefits, please note that your new Kindergarten student is *not* going to automatically receive benefits without an application. The 2021-22 application, *which will be available in the summer*, must be completed prior to the first day of school to ensure your Kindergartener is receiving free or reduced price meals. You only need to fill out one

application for all of your eligible students for the new school year. Be sure to list all students in the top section of the application and all other household members in the bottom section of the application.

***Please note: Do not submit a 2020-2021 application for your upcoming Kindergarten, as we cannot accept them per USDA rules.**

Meal Costs

Students receive meal benefits based upon the following meal benefit categories: **free, reduced price, and paid**. The associated costs are provided below.

Meal Benefit Status	Breakfast Prices	Lunch Prices
Free Meals	No Charge	No Charge
Reduced Price Meals (Kindergarten-3 rd grade)	No Charge	No Charge
Reduced Price Meals (4 th -12 th grade)	No Charge	\$0.40
Paid Status (Elementary)	\$1.75	\$3.00

Prices are subject to change

When students elect to purchase individual containers of milk, this is **not** considered a reimbursable meal, and therefore, is not covered through meal benefits. Students that receive free or reduced price meal benefits will be charged the full price for milk as an a la carte item. Cost for milk is \$0.60 per container.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please feel free to contact the Food Services office at (360) 855-3515.

Thank you,

Allison Johnston
Food Services Supervisor

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