

SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST MEAL CHARGE POLICY

Lathrop R-II School District participates in the National School Lunch Program and offers healthy lunch and breakfast meals every school day. Free/Reduced lunch applications are given out to all students at the beginning of the school year and/or are available in the school office or on our website. These applications can be made and revised any time during the year. A new form should be completed and turned into the school office each school year. Parents/Guardians may contact the school office if they need assistance in filling out the free/reduced price lunch application.

Free and reduced lunch includes (1) hot lunch/salad bar and (1) milk. Free and reduced breakfast includes breakfast entrée, fruit or juice and (1) milk. Any other items will be charged at full price. If students wish to purchase ala-carte items, they should make sure they have money in their lunch account. If they do not have money in their account, they will be asked to return pre-packaged ala-carte items at the point of sale.

Lathrop School District has a computer accounting system for lunch. Students are issued a lunch account number and should deposit money into their account in order to use it. Lunch money will be taken in the office daily. Parents can monitor their student's lunch account balance and make payments to it online through the parent portal. Students not qualifying for free meals must have money in their account in order purchase a regular meal and/or ala carte items. Students will not be able to charge a lunch on another student's lunch account.

Students will be notified of low or negative lunch account balances at the point of sale and notices will be sent home via email or letter. ***Lunch charges may not exceed three days.*** Once a child has exceeded the three-day limit for charges, they will not be served a regular menu item. Instead, they will be served a salad or cheese sandwich along with a milk at a reduced cost of \$1.00.