



EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS

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To: Dr. Josh Swanson
From: Business Office
Re: 2021-22 School Meal Prices

The Eden Prairie Schools Child Nutrition Department provides nutritional meal options for students, staff, and guests. Eden Prairie school cafeterias are meeting tough federal nutrition standards for school meals, ensuring that meals are healthy and well-balanced and provide students all the nutrition they need to succeed at school.

Meals have been free to all students during the 2020-21 school year as the federal waivers were in place to assist families during the pandemic. The waivers allowed Eden Prairie Schools to adapt our child nutrition program to better meet the needs of children and families by permitting all children to eat free and outside of the traditional group settings and mealtimes. The waivers also allowed parents to do curbside pickup of multiple days of food at once for students learning from home and in some cases for meals to be dropped off at a student's home during distance learning.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the waivers for free meals to be served through June 2022. These meals will now need to comply with our normal year nutritional requirements under the USDA's National School Lunch Program.

This is excellent news for families in Eden Prairie Schools as both breakfast and lunch will be free for the 2021-22 school year. We do offer a la carte items which will continue to be available for purchase, but the main line meal options will be free. Therefore, we are not bringing forward any meal price changes for the 2021-22 school year.