

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2024–2025 CAFETERIA NEWS & MEALS INFORMATION

For Schools Participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Children need healthy meals to learn. The Division of Food and Nutrition Services serves more than 18 million meals annually. We support healthy meal options for students and continually explore new ways to enhance the nutritional contribution and student acceptability of meals. DFNS is excited to announce that 60 schools are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and will have access to breakfast and lunch at no charge each day. We encourage students to eat breakfast and lunch at school to fuel them to learn for the day. A list of CEP schools and more information on the CEP program can be found on the MCPS website.

A LA CARTE FOODS AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN ADDITION TO BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

A variety of a la carte items may also be available in your student's school cafeteria. All items available for sale follow *JPG-RA. Wellness: Physical and Nutritional Health*. Specific items vary at each school. For specific information regarding items available at your child's school or to restrict the purchase of a la carte items, please contact your school cafeteria manager.

Payment is expected, in cash or through prepayment to the student's school cafeteria account, at the point of sale at the time of purchase, or through an online prepayment system at any time. The cafeteria continues to offer the convenience and flexibility of a computerized cash register system. Depositing funds into a cafeteria account eliminates the need for a child to carry money for a la carte purchases. **Students use their MCPS Student Identification Number to access their account** (Schools may also utilize barcodes on student ID cards or elementary meal cards which may be scanned at the register). Any money left on a student's account from the prior school year is available for spending. Pre-payments to a student's account may be made prior to the start of school.

Check Acceptance Policy: Checks used to pay for meals must contain: name, address, phone number and student ID number. Returned checks are subject to recovery for the face value and Maryland State allowed fee of \$25 through an electronic debit or paper draft to the same account. Your payment by check constitutes your acceptance of these terms. If you have any questions concerning our check acceptance policy, please call CHECKredi at 1-800-239-1222.

To make a prepayment:

- Use [MySchoolBucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com), an online service to make a prepayment using a credit card. Parents can also check meal account balances, sign up for recurring payments and much more. Go to [MySchoolBucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com) to register.
- Complete the form below and include a check or money order payable to the cafeteria. See check acceptance policy below.

To request a refund or a balance transfer for a student no longer enrolled in MCPS, email DFNSHelpDesk@mcpsmd.org

PLEASE VISIT THESE LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/food-and-nutrition (View the list of CEP Schools, menus, nutritional info and more)
- [www.MySchoolBucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com) (make prepayments to meal accounts, view account balances and transaction history)
- For information on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), Women, Infant, and Children Program (WIC), and/or medical programs, please call 1-800-332-6347 or visit <https://dhs.maryland.gov/>



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PREPAYMENT FORM FOR A LA CARTE ITEMS IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Please make the check payable to your child's school cafeteria (example: Gaithersburg High School Cafeteria). Checks used to pay for a la carte items must contain an address and phone number. Please put your child's first name, last name and Student ID number on the front of the check. This check is for cafeteria purchases ONLY. Please list each student separately and bring payment to the cafeteria manager. Thank You!

Student Name _____ ID Number _____ Amount \$ _____

Student Name _____ ID Number _____ Amount \$ _____

Student Name _____ ID Number _____ Amount \$ _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____ Phone Number _____