



SOUTH HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Food Service Department
100 Mosier St.
South Hadley, MA 01075



We Serve Growing Minds!

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year. Listed below are policies and updates regarding the school lunch program for your student.

PRICING: lunch will remain the same as last year for this upcoming school year: Plains School lunch cost \$2.25, Mosier & Middle cost \$2.50, and the High School cost \$2.75. The cost for a-la-carte milk (bought separately) will be fifty cents. (One milk is included in the lunch price.)

COMPLETE LUNCH: Every lunch offers the 5 components of a reimbursable lunch; meat/meat alternate, grain, vegetable, fruit and milk. Every student must take at least 3 of the 5 components of the lunch to be considered reimbursable and 1 of those items **MUST** be either a fruit or vegetable. If a student refuses to take either the fruit or vegetable they will be charged at the ala carte rate which is more expensive than the current lunch prices regardless of their meal benefit status.

PLEASE REVIEW: The “charging/borrowing” policy approved by the School Committee. The policy is included in the back to school newsletter. In addition it’s posted on the town’s website. Students will have the same balance from the end of the last school year, negative or positive. Any negative balances should be cleared up prior to the first day of school. You will receive either a phone call, email or a letter will be sent home from your child’s school to inform you when your child has charged meals. This letter will contain the amount of money that your child owes for their meals.

LUNCH PAYMENTS: We **STRONGLY** encourage that all students (parent/ guardian) consider depositing money into their accounts. This will help with the speed of the serving lines. Payments can be made electronically by using www.myschoolbucks.com. Simply login in and follow the user friendly prompts. After you register for your account, you will be able to make deposits into your student’s account as well as monitor their balance and a history of their purchases for the previous 90 days. If at any time you would like to know your child’s meal payment status, you may speak with the cafeteria manager or contact the Food Service Office at 534-1995 or email Matt Hoagland at mhoagland@shschools.com or Cindy Roy at croy@shschools.com.

FREE & REDUCED MEALS: If you receive a letter from the lunch program stating that your child/student is “direct certified” for either free or reduced price meals, you **DO NOT** need to fill out an application. If your child/student qualified for free or reduced price meals last school year and you did **NOT** receive a direct certified letter this school year, you will have the same status up to 30 days of the new school year. To avoid interruption with your child’s meal status, a new application **MUST** be submitted prior to the end of the 30 days (October 10, 2019).

If you have submitted an application for free and reduced meals for your household, you will be notified of the status once we complete the review. Please be patient while we process applications. If you have paid for meals and are later notified that you are eligible for free or reduced price meals, please contact your school cafeteria manager and a refund will be given to you for meals **NOT** consumed.

We look forward to serving your child with high quality and nutritious school meals.

Sincerely,

Matt Hoagland

