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Dear DCSD Community,

Douglas County School District Nutrition Services is already preparing for an exciting 2022-2023 school year! Here is what you need to know as your students return to the cafeteria in August.

Paid Meals Return August 2022: The waivers that the USDA issued during COVID to allow schools to provide free meals to all students will not continue into the next school year. Students who are approved for Free and Reduced Meal benefits will still receive free meals. 2022-2023 meal prices are as follows:

	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary School	\$2.00	\$3.25
Middle School	\$2.25	\$3.75
High School	\$2.50	\$4.00

* All reimbursable meals and High School Meal Deals include fruit, vegetables and milk.

** Charter School pricing may vary - check the school website for pricing.

*** Ala carte items sold at all levels will be priced individually.

- **Free/Reduced Meals:** Meal benefit applications for free and reduced priced meals must be filled out each year - [APPLY HERE](#). All families must submit an application in order to receive free meals (if applicable) for the 2022-2023 school year. Current meal benefit applications are crucial to ensure that eligible students continue to have access to free meals. These applications also provide additional benefits to students and schools, including waived transportation and school fees, and additional school funding. See additional benefits [HERE](#).
- **Meal Payments:** Please ensure your students have money in their lunch account. To add money to their account and set up low balance alerts, please visit [MySchoolBucks](#). Please read through the [DCSD Negative Balance Policy](#).
- **Student ID:** Students will use their student ID cards to charge meal purchases on their lunch account (where available). If your student forgets their student ID card or their school does not provide cards, students must know their ID number and enter it on the pin pads at the register. Elementary Parents - please help your student learn their ID number and practice it at home to ensure their line moves quickly and they get enough time to eat their meal.



- **More Information:** [Our online menu system](#) includes allergy information. For more information regarding Nutrition Services, please [visit our website](#). Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @dcsdnutritionservices for up to date information.

Sincerely,

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