

Options Monday Memo

August 28, 2023



Upcoming Dates - Mark your calendar

Sep 22	No school - Teacher Work Day
Sep 22	Last Day for Course Change Requests
Sep 29	Picture Day
Sep 29 - Oct 6	October Count Window

Useful Website & Resources

PSD Options Website	PSD Options Calendar	Course Grid
Lunch Menu	Breakfast Menu - NEW!	

Breakfast

Due to the passage of the Colorado Healthy School Meals for All ballot issue, school meals are now available to students at no cost. This information was shared in the summer letter, and those students that order a lunch at PSD Options have the chance to select which lunch item they would like at the beginning of the school day. The Colorado Healthy School Meals for All program also includes breakfast, so we would like to share how breakfast orders will take place at PSD Options.

- If your child would like breakfast, please arrive no later than 8:15am.
- Students will go to the [Breakfast pick-up line](#) to get a breakfast. Students will provide their name and PSD ID number to get their free breakfast.
- Breakfasts are delivered the day prior and typically include shelf-stable items like cereal or a muffin, applesauce or a fruit cup, and a juice box or milk. See menu in links above for details.
- Students can eat their breakfast in the parking lot, or they can eat at the tables in the playground area. Students should take care to ensure all trash ends up in a trash can.
- If needed, students can take their breakfast to their first class, but we would prefer to have students arrive by 8:15 and eat in the parking lot to minimize any messes for our custodian.
- Since this is new and breakfasts are delivered a day prior, please [complete this form](#) if you think your family will routinely participate in breakfast at PSD Options. This will help the lunch team in the kitchen at Leshar prepare the correct number of breakfasts for us. **Please complete the form by Wednesday evening** so that we can get the anticipated breakfast order count to Leshar Thursday morning to have the correct number on hand on Friday. This will be the only week we need to complete this extra form - it simply helps us communicate the amount of increased demand by having the Options program start serving breakfast this Friday.

New Biometric Screening for Lunch Check Out

Starting in the 2023-24 school year, students at all Poudre School District schools will check out of the cafeteria line with a quick tap of a finger. After a biometric scanning system reduced line wait times as part of a spring pilot program, PSD is installing the system in all schools. The system should be up and running first in all schools that participated in the spring pilot program (Dunn and Linton elementary schools, Kinard Middle School, and Rocky Mountain High School) and all elementary schools by about October. It will be installed in secondary schools thereafter. Families have the option to opt their student out of using this system. [Visit the School Meals web page on the PSD website for more information.](#)

General notes for PSD Options

To help your child know where to go at drop-off, [here is a map](#) that shows the exterior doors to which students should go. K-2 students can enter through the main entrance.

Parking Lot

If you have not already done so, [please make sure to read this document before dropping off or picking up your child.](#) We have made a few adjustments to the pick-up/drop-off procedures to make things safer for everyone, and to align our practice with that at PGA. The highlighted sections are changes from previous practice. Also note the picture on the second page which identifies our drop-off and pick-up lanes.

Planned & Unplanned Absences

If your child will be absent from Options, please call our attendance line at 970.488.4601. Please keep in mind that since Options is an enrichment program, we tend to be more flexible on attendance. However, from September 29-October 6 attendance is vital, since the state of Colorado uses attendance on these dates to determine our student enrollment count and funding allocation. Please be sure that your child attends PSD Options on both September 29 and October 6.

School Picture Day

Packets will be sent home soon with details about school photo packages. School picture day is Friday September 29th, and if you prefer to order pictures online, you can do so by visiting <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/> and using code EVTMB4CVB.