



FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION

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The School District of Omro participates in the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program which is a federally subsidized program that is designed to help eligible children receive free or reduced-price meals. Families that qualify for free or reduced-price meals can confidentially participate in both the USDA Lunch and Breakfast Programs at their schools. Free and Reduced price applications are mailed each August to each registered household in the district. Meal applications are available at all Omro School Offices and the District Office.

Applications can be found online [here](#). ****A new application must be filled out every year.****

The School District of Omro also participates in the Direct Certification Option. If one or more of your children are approved through this method you will get a letter in the mail stating so. If any other school-age children in your household were not directly certified, you must complete an application for the entire household. If you did not receive a letter and feel you qualify for benefits, please see the [Food Service webpage](#) for the forms to complete and return to any school or district office. Forms are also available from any of the school offices. New applications must be submitted every year and child(ren) must be on a direct certification list or have an approved Free/Reduced form in order to receive benefits

Meal prices: Breakfast \$1.65/day, Lunch \$3.10/day (students with reduced meals: Breakfast \$0.30, Lunch \$0.40). Parents may pay online using [e-Funds for Schools](#). Students may drop off money for their meal accounts in the lunch room during breakfast or lunch.

MS students wanting to purchase breakfast may get their breakfast near the MS Commons (near MS parking lot doors).

What Can Students Take for Lunch?

What can students all take for lunch? The answer to that question is, "there are a lot of great options for middle school students as they go through the hot lunch line." Some parents might even think there are too many options. Parents, if you notice that your lunch account seems to be dwindling faster than ever before you can check out what your child is charging to their lunch account daily under the Food Service tab in Family Access. Students have the opportunity to purchase a la carte items plus their lunch. Also, make sure that your child knows what to take for the meal (and/or breakfast) to be considered the full meal. If your child isn't taking the full meal it could be charged as an a la carte item instead.

To help out our students, watch this [video](#) to help explain the process of getting a hot lunch and what is all considered as part of the meal. *(FYI: the video was made last year. The lunch process is the same EXCEPT that chips are NO longer offered as part of the meal. If students want chips, it must be purchased separately as an a la carte item. Also, there have been some staffing changes.)*

Students Bringing Cash for a la Carte Items

We have seen an increase in the number of students, in particular 6th graders, that bring in cash to purchase a la carte items at lunch. Please talk with your child about what they can spend during lunch on a la carte items. The concern with cash is having it misplaced or dropped. The other concern is if your intention is for your child to use the cash to put towards their lunch account and they are spending it on a la carte items instead. Take a look at your child's Food Service activity on Family Access to see what they are purchasing daily. Unless you place restrictions on their purchase options, they are allowed to purchase several a la carte items each day.

Making Payments to Food Service Account

Lunch payments can be made through your eFunds account or sent to school. If you are sending money with your child to add to their lunch account balance, please have them bring it to the office. Checks made payable to 'School District of Omro' and cash should be in an envelope with your child's name and lunch deposit on the outside of the envelope.