

# FAQ's About Free School Meals

## Why are Park City Schools offering free meals to all students?

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), which oversees School Meal programs nationwide, has created a waiver to offer meals at no cost to students through June 30, 2021. This waiver, recognizing the need to modify meal service models to ensure student safety, supports access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Providing meals through the waiver eliminates the need to collect meal payments at school sites and rely on a point-of-service system (POS) to track and claim meals. Instead program staff can focus on production and meal service while reducing contact and potential exposure to COVID-19.

## Who is eligible to get meals?

All students that are enrolled in the Park City Schools are eligible to receive one free breakfast and one free lunch on a school day.

## How do I get my meals?

Each school's meal service model is different due to COVID-19. Please check with your school's office. For those schools that are serving in the cafeteria, you will get in line with other students to get a meal. For those who are serving in the classroom, you will sign up for a meal when your teacher asks during attendance.

## How do I know what's on the menu?

All school menus are available on the district's website, your school's website and through the link provided here: <https://pcschools.nutrislice.com/menu/>

## What if I am remote learning, can I still get free meals?

Students participating in remote learning option may pick up meals at any Park City School. Meals may be pre-ordered by contacting the school cafeteria manager by email the day before the meals are needed. The Remote menu can be found on our website at: <https://pcschools.nutrislice.com/menu/> . Once you contact your Cafeteria Manager, they will explain the process for adults to pick up the meals.

<u>School</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
Jeremy Ranch	Brandi Blazzard	<a href="mailto:bblazzard@pcschools.us">bblazzard@pcschools.us</a>
McPolin	Amber Lucking	<a href="mailto:alucking@pcschools.us">alucking@pcschools.us</a>
Parley's Park	Marry Pyne	<a href="mailto:mpyne@pcschools.us">mpyne@pcschools.us</a>
Trailside	Amber Lucking	<a href="mailto:alucking@pcschools.us">alucking@pcschools.us</a>
Ecker Hill MS	Wendy Soderstrom	<a href="mailto:wsoderstrom@pcschools.us">wsoderstrom@pcschools.us</a>
Treasure Mountain	Christy Atkinson	<a href="mailto:catkinson@pcschools.us">catkinson@pcschools.us</a>
Park City High	Elizabeth Luebbers	<a href="mailto:eluebbers@pcschools.us">eluebbers@pcschools.us</a>

**Can I still buy a la carte (snack) items at my school using my account?**

Yes. Ecker Hill Middle School, Treasure Mountain Junior High and Park City High School have a variety of a la carte items available for sale every day. If you want to continue to purchase these items, you will need to use the money in your account. Only meals will be free. Example: If you get a Pizza lunch and want an extra slice of Pizza, you will need to have money in your account for the extra slice of Pizza. For those home lunch students, Elementary Schools will still offer milk for sale and charge it to student accounts. While not always available, when Elementary Schools offer second entrees and students want them, it will be charged to their account also.

**What if I want only part of a meal, can I still get that for free?**

No. Unfortunately the waiver is very specific with regards to offering meals that meet the USDA's guidelines. The Child Nutrition Department can only be reimbursed for serving qualified meals. Serving just a carton of milk or an entrée cannot be claimed as a meal and will need to be charged to a student's account.

**I don't mind paying for my child's meal, aren't I "taking this benefit away" from a child who needs it?**

No. You are not "taking this benefit away" from a child who needs it. While the intention is good, it is not the case. The misperception is that your participation is an additional financial strain on the school nutrition operation, when just the opposite is the case. Every meal counts! Participation is crucial to helping keep our program financially solvent, which will allow us to continue to provide meals to your child as well as those who need them the most.

**Do I need to fill out a Free and Reduced Price Meal Application to get the free meals?**

No. However it is still encouraged to do so for the other benefits it provides. The application is also a gateway to other benefits. It can assist in helping your family gain discounts, as well as fees for college applications, AP test and sports participation. Plus the overall data from applications is used in calculations in funding for other student programs and services. Please contact our Out Reach Program for all the benefits an approved application can provide.