

2011-12 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INFORMATION

For Ballard County Middle and Ballard Memorial High schools
BCMS/BMHS Cafeteria Manager Rita Crabtree: 665-8400, ext. 2536

Middle and high school meal prices:

Student breakfast – Full price: \$.75; reduced price: \$. 25. **Student lunch** – Full price \$1.65; reduced price \$.40.
Adults/visitors – Breakfast \$1; lunch \$2.25.

FREE/REDUCED-PRICE MEALS:

Every student is provided an application at the beginning of school. Parents are encouraged to apply for free or reduced-price meals by completing and returning the application. Only one application per family is necessary, even if you have students in different Ballard County Schools, but **you must fill out a new application each school year**. After returning the application, you will be mailed a letter stating whether you qualify for free, reduced- or full-price meals. *If you recently received a letter from the school stating that you already have been approved for free meals for this school year, please do not fill out an application.*

Please note: Students may eat for up to 30 days on last year's eligibility until we process new applications. After 30 days, we will change any student to full-price-paid status if we do not have an approved application on file for *this* school year.

PAYMENT PROCEDURE AT MEAL TIME:

Every student has a meal account and account number with food service, which he or she will keep until graduation. Students may put money in their accounts during breakfast or lunch. At mealtime, students key in their account numbers and then either pay cash or have the correct price of the meal deducted from their account balance. **No student is ever identified as being on free or reduced-price status.** Not even the cashiers know this information; it is programmed into the cash register computer.

Sixth-graders will keep the same meal number they had at the elementary school. If you had outstanding money or charges at the elementary, they will transfer to middle school.

Extras: Any available funds, whether cash or money in the account, first go toward the meal. After that, students may purchase extra food if they have additional cash or money in their accounts. *We do not* allow students to charge extras.

Please note: Checks are accepted for meal accounts and the *entire amount* is deposited in the student's meal account. Cash *will not* be given for part of the funds. **We reserve the right to refuse checks from households whose checks previously have been returned due to insufficient funds.** Cash *will not* be given to students from their meal accounts.

Questions about your student's balance or restrictions? If you have a question about your child's balance, or you want to put restrictions or limits on your student's account, please call cafeteria manager **Rita Crabtree at 665-8400, ext. 2536.**

CHARGING MEALS (Board of Education policy):

After a student reaches \$5 in charges, parents/guardians will be sent a post card reminding them of their child's charges. When the charged amount reaches \$10, parents/guardians will be contacted again. When a middle- or high-school student's charges reach \$10, the student *will not be allowed to charge again* unless prior arrangements have been made with the manager or school nutrition director. The student will be offered an alternate lunch (sandwich and milk) until the charges are paid. **Students may not charge a la carte items or extra food.**

MENUS:

Menus are available monthly at school. They also are available on our school district website at www.ballard.kyschools.us/new. Click on the "Food Service" tab on the left of the home page, and then on "Ballard County Middle/Ballard Memorial High School" lunch or breakfast menu to view the current month's choices.

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