

# School Nutrition Helpful Tips

## 2020-2021

School meals are a great value to a student's education. Pitt County Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.00**; lunch costs **\$2.35**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is **\$0.00** for breakfast and **\$0.40** for lunch.

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### Free & Reduced Meal Applications

A Free and Reduced Meal application must be completed each school year. New students transferring into North Carolina from another state or from another NC county must complete a new Free and Reduced Meal Application in order to receive a meal status. Student will pay full price until eligibility is determined by the School Nutrition Office. Please call the School Nutrition Office at (252) 830-4226 with any questions.

Thank you!

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### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Pitt County School students that attend a school that participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) will automatically receive free meals at breakfast and lunch. No application is needed for these students. However, if families have other children attending schools other than the CEP schools listed below, they will need to complete an application for those students. Students attending a CEP school must be listed as family members in Part I on the application with their school, birth date and income or no income listed. They have to be included as part of your household.

**Ayden Elementary, Ayden Grifton High School, Ayden Middle School, Belvoir Elementary, Bethel School, C.M Eppes Middle School, E.B. Aycock Middle School, Falkland Elementary, Farmville Central High School, Farmville Middle School, Grifton School, H.B. Sugg Elementary, Innovation Early College High School, Lakeforest Elementary, North Pitt High School, Northwest Elementary, PCS Early College, Pactolus School, Sadie Saulter School, Sam D. Bundy Elementary, South Greenville Elementary, Stokes School, Wahl Coates and Wellcome Middle School** will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2020-2021 school year.

***\*\*If a student transfers from a CEP school to a Non-CEP school, within the same school district, the household has 10 days to apply for Free or Reduced meal benefits. An application can be picked up from a Non-CEP school, the County Office or downloaded from the School Nutrition website ([www.pitt.k12.nc.us/schoolnutrition](http://www.pitt.k12.nc.us/schoolnutrition)). The ten day grace period begins on the first day of enrollment at the Non-CEP school.\*\****



## State Funding Eliminates Breakfast Fee For Students Qualified For Reduced-Price Meal Benefits

Students that qualify for reduced-price meal benefits will receive **breakfast** at no charge. Please encourage your students to enjoy school breakfast daily!

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## Pitt County Schools makes paying for school meals **EASY!**

Parents may:

Say goodbye to sending cash and checks to the school cafeteria. **Payschoolscentral.com** allows you to create a secure online account where you can add money to your child's account at any time with your Visa or MasterCard. Parents can have peace of mind knowing that students will have money available for meals. Parents can also review what their students are buying and the account balance. All you need to get started is your student's school ID number, the school name and grade. Log on to <https://payschoolscentral.com/> to get started.

OR

Pre-pay by sending money with your student

Our computerized cash register system allows parents to pre-pay by depositing money into a child's individual account. The student's account balance will reduce when meals and snacks are purchased in the cafeteria.

OR

Send money each day for meals and snacks

*FYI: When sending money with elementary students it is a good practice to place your payment in an envelope marked "cafeteria" with your student's name on it. Include any special instructions for how the money is to be applied to your student's account.*