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Meal Payment Policy
MSD of Mt. Vernon

The MSD of Mt. Vernon school cafeterias provide healthy meals and meal options for students each school day. The schools make every effort to keep food costs as low as possible so students and parents can afford the meals.

Unless your child has been approved for Free Meals, your child will have to pay for all meals and other food served in the cafeteria. Children who do not have money to pay for a meal may be served an alternate meal consisting of a peanut butter sandwich (or substitute), a vegetable, a fruit, and milk.

Loaning Meal Money

Using outside funding sources, the school may be able to loan your child the money for up to two (2) meals, breakfast and/or lunch, if your child does not have meal money that day, with the understanding that the money must be repaid. After your child has borrowed money for two meals, he/she will need to have money to pay for all future meals received.

If you repay the money, your child will again be able to receive another meal money loan, up to the two-meal limit, at a later time. If you do not repay the money, the school will contact you for collection and reimbursement of the amount that was paid for your child, and your child may receive alternate meals.

Alternate Meals

If your child is not approved for Free Meals and does not have money for a meal (either from home or from a two-meal loan), your child may be served an alternate meal consisting of a peanut butter sandwich (or substitute), a vegetable, a fruit, and milk.

As a parent or guardian, you will be notified by the school that your student has been borrowing money for meals, since we don't want this practice to continue over an extended period of time. The school administration will work with parents and students when possible to avoid this situation.

Free or Reduced-Price Meals

If you need assistance in paying for meals for your child, please complete an application for Free or Reduced Price Meals that is available in your school's main office. Depending on your household income level, you may be eligible for free meals or reduced-price meals for all children in your household for the entire year.