



Preparing for the 2022-2023 School Year

Dear Parents,

For the past two years, the USDA has offered waivers to Child Nutrition (CN) Programs across the United States, allowing these programs to offer all students breakfast and lunch at no cost to you. Unfortunately, these waivers will expire on June 30, 2022.

Starting next school year (22-23), CN programs across the nation will return to normal, pre-pandemic operations. This means ***ALL STUDENTS WILL NO LONGER BE FREE***. **A Weatherly Area School District Student will pay the following: breakfast prices for paid K-12 students \$1.15 and reduced \$0.30. Lunch rates for K-8 would be paid \$2.20 and 9-12, \$2.35. Reduce lunch rates for all grades \$0.40.** Families will once again be asked to complete and submit a current school year Free/Reduced Meal Application if they would like to see if their students qualify based on income. In past years, the first 30 days of the school year carry over status from the previous school year. Since very few meal applications were submitted over the past two years, here is what you can do to ensure your child(s) is ready to start the 22-23 school year: Apply for benefits before the start of the school year.

How do I obtain a free and reduce meal application?

They may be completed in one of two ways:

1. The preferred method, apply online through the SchoolCafe app or website. Parent/Guardians will need the student ID (meal account number) to create a SchoolCafe parent account. If you do not know your student(s) ID, you can locate the number by accessing the SIS parent portal. Once an account is created, click on the apply for benefits banner located on the student dashboard and follow the steps to apply. **QUICKEST METHOD FOR A RESPONSE**



2. Meal applications can be picked up in any of the school offices. These meal applications need to be completed in entirety and returned to the student's home school office or food service department.

We're committed to working tirelessly to provide high-quality, nutritious, healthy, and well-balanced meals to all students. You and your child/children's well-being has always been our highest priority, and we're committed to help making this transition back to everyday operations as seamless as possible.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have.

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