



Taunton Schools Food Service
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“SERVING EDUCATION EVERY DAY”

The Taunton School Food Service Program takes pride in serving nutritious meals daily to our students. We are firm believers that hungry students can't learn. Under no circumstance do we want a child to go without lunch. We understand that parents are busy and may occasionally forget to pack a lunch or send in money; however the number of students with a negative balance has grown significantly over the past couple of years. As you know, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide students with lunch or a means to pay for meals.

The school food service program, which strives to be self-funded, operates in a financially responsible manner. Paid students who owe \$10.00 or reduced students who owe \$2.00 (5 lunches) and need lunch but don't have money will no longer be allowed to charge a lunch to their account. Students will be provided a ham and cheese sandwich, featured vegetable, apple & white milk. The cost to the student for this substitute meal will be \$2.00, and will be added to the student's outstanding balance. Charging for breakfast is never allowed. The ability to not charge will remain in effect until the student's lunch balance has been paid.

Students who owe money may purchase regular meals if they have money in hand to pay for it. Students who owe money will not be allowed to purchase from the snack bar. The outstanding debt is still expected to be paid promptly. Also, students who have reached their credit limit may be prohibited from attending or participating in extracurricular activities or school sponsored events.

Payment Methods:

- Eligibility to receive free or reduced meals requires review and approval from the Food Service Office. Please contact the Food Service Director or the district's web site to access an application. Applications are accepted throughout the school year on a rolling basis. Please note you are responsible for providing lunch or money until you receive approval from the Food Service Office.
- Check or money order made out to "Taunton School Food Services." Please put the child's name on the memo line.
- Online payment via www.myschoolbucks.com or through the district web site at www.tauntonschools.org (Food Services).

Also, it has been brought to our attention that many parents are not aware that their child has been charging meals and accruing a negative lunch balance. If you do not wish for your child to be able to charge meals, please complete and return the OPT OUT form which is attached.

Again, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 508-821-1156 Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Karen Pappa
Director of Food Services

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Taunton Food Service - Opt Out Form 2018-2019 School Year

Information Request

This opt out form must be filled out if a parent/guardian **does not** want your child charging a school lunch to his/her account. If you do not file an Opt Out form and your child charges school lunch, you will be liable for the cost. If at any time you would like to re-active your status to make purchases, please contact the Food Service Office at (508) 821-1156 and we will process your request.

Parents/Guardian are encouraged to complete a Free/Reduced Lunch Application or setup an online payment account via Nutrikids at www.myschoolbucks.com

Student Name: _____

Student School: _____

Parent Comments:

Parent Signature & Date: _____

**This form can be returned to the Main Office/Cafeteria Supervisor at your child's school
or sent to the Food Service Department as follows:**

Mail: Taunton Public School Food Service Department 50 Williams Street Taunton, MA 02480

Fax: Attention TPS Food Service Department (508-821-1103)

Taunton Public Schools Food Service Department - Use Only

- Received by & Date: _____
- Entered into NutriKids foodservice management system: _____