



2017-18 Elementary School Information

Healthy Student Meals

The mission of Bryan ISD School Nutrition Services (SNS) is to provide quality, nutritious meals in a friendly environment while maintaining local, state and federal guidelines. We believe that promoting good nutrition is essential for student achievement and can reinforce lifelong eating habits that contribute to the overall well-being of the student.

Bryan ISD participates in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs funded by USDA. Breakfast menus are designed to meet 1/4 of the Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA's). For lunch, menus over the school week provide less than 30% fat and 10% saturated fat while providing 1/3 of the RDA's for students.

Student Meal Accounts

School Nutrition Services (SNS) utilizes a computerized meal accounting system to track all meals and purchases made in the school cafeteria. This system is accessed by students when they enter their 4 or 5-digit student identification number into a keypad located on the cafeteria serving line. Money in pre-paid meal accounts may be used to purchase breakfast, lunch, or ala carte items. Temporary meal cards with student name and id printed on them will be handed out prior to meal service for the first two weeks of school. Please help your child learn their student id number. Student id numbers are assigned by the school district and remain the same each year until graduation.

Meal Payment Options

Paying in advance for meals is recommended and will eliminate the need to send cash with

your child each day. Currently, there are two ways to deposit money to your child's account.

1) Check, money order, or cash

If possible, please send checks or money orders instead of cash to the cafeteria. BISD cannot be responsible for cash that is lost, stolen or misplaced. Checks and money orders should be made payable to BISD School Nutrition. Checks must include name, physical address, and a phone number, along with student name and id#. We recommend that all checks or cash be taken directly to the cafeteria upon arrival to school. Meal payments may be made in the school cafeteria or at the School Nutrition Services office located at 1920 N. Earl Rudder Freeway.

2) On-line payment using a credit card

Paypams (www.paypams.com) is designed to provide a safe and convenient way to pay online using a debit or credit card. A fee will be charged by Paypams to cover the cost of maintaining the system and data. Paypams also allows parents to view account balances, recent transactions and receive email notifications of low account balance. Please check our website www.bryanisd.org for additional information regarding Paypams.

Check Recovery Program

Bryan ISD utilizes an outside service to collect on all checks returned for insufficient funds or checks returned unpaid. This company will charge a \$30.00 fee in addition to any fees charged by the bank.

Free/Reduced-Price Meal Benefits

Avoid delay and complete an on-line application!! Simple and easy to complete-please visit www.bryanisd.org.

Bryan ISD participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program. This program provides free and reduced-price meal benefits to eligible students. Eligibility is based on household income guidelines established by the federal government. In order to participate each year, a new meal application must be completed and submitted to the SNS office for approval. **Meal benefits from last year will expire 30 days from the first day of school unless a new application is submitted.** Applications are processed in the order they are received and

must be returned to the SNS office for approval. To avoid a delay in receiving meal benefits, please do not return meal applications to the school office or to the school cafeteria. On-line applications are available for free and reduced-price meal benefits. A link to the application can be found on the district website at www.bryanisd.org under the School Nutrition Services tab. Paper applications are available in the school office, in the school cafeteria and in the School Nutrition Services office.

2017-18 Meal Prices

Student Breakfast	Free or \$1.50
Reduced Price Breakfast	\$.30
Adult Breakfast	\$2.25
Student Lunch	\$2.50
Reduced Price Lunch	\$.40
Adult Lunch	\$3.50

****Free breakfast is served at the following elementary schools as required by Texas SB 376: Bonham, Branch, Crockett, Fannin, Henderson, Jones, Kemp/Carver, Navarro and Neal.***

Lunch Meal Pricing

Meals are priced as a unit and consist of 1 entrée, 1-2 vegetables and/or fruits, 1 bread, and 1 milk. Any combination of 3-5 different items will be considered a lunch unit. Ala carte prices will be charged if less than 3 or more than 5 items are selected. Students qualifying for the federal meal program receive their first meal at the free or reduced price, additional meals or ala carte items may be purchased at the set rate.

All students must have a fruit or vegetable on their tray at breakfast and lunch.

Ala Carte Purchases

Students may purchase ala carte items such as fruit juice, extra milk, and snack items for an additional charge. If you wish to restrict or limit the amount of ala carte purchases, please contact the Cafeteria Manager at the school so a block or limit can be placed on the meal account. Students with a zero or negative balance on their account will not be allowed to charge extras or ala carte items.

Low Account Balance Notification

When student accounts reach or fall below \$5.00, a computer-generated note will be sent home with students as a reminder for parents to send money. In addition, parents may be notified by an automated phone system. Parents may also register at www.paypams.com to receive e-mail notification of low account balance. This is a free service provided by Paypams.

Meal Charge Policy

To avoid charging, parents/guardians are encouraged to monitor their child's meal account balance. Meal charge limits for elementary paid students are set at -\$8.00 and -\$1.40 for students qualifying for reduced-price meals (2 breakfast & 2 lunches). When a meal account becomes negative, the household will be notified of the negative balance. Students that exceed the meal charge limit and arrive in the cafeteria without money or a lunch from home will be offered a reimbursable meal with a pre-selected entree that is a regular offering on the serving line. This meal will be charged to the negative meal account at the regular meal rate.

Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs

The district requests to be notified when a student has been diagnosed with a life-threatening food allergy. All special dietary requests must be supported with forms completed by a physician before **ANY** food substitutions can be made. These forms are available at each campus in the school nurse's office. For additional information, please visit our website at www.bryanisd.org or contact us at (979) 209-7052 or via email at bisd_lunch@bryanisd.org.

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