

Q: What happens to the money that is collected from the lunch program?

A: The school lunch program is 100% self-sufficient, meaning that it is not supported by the school department budget or tax dollars. The revenue that is collected from the sale of lunches pays the department's expenses for food, salaries, supplies, and equipment.

Q: Who plans the school lunch menus?

A: The menus are planned by Colin Boisvert, the Director of Nutrition Services, and Jen Tuttelman, Assistant Director of Nutrition Services.

Q: Can schools serve any food they want?

A: The menus must meet the new USDA meal pattern standards, based on the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Needham menus voluntarily have met higher nutrition standards than required.

Q: What can I do if my child has a food allergy?

A: Talk to the school nurse first. We get allergy information from the nurses. Look on our webpage for Food Allergies and read the documents. You can call Jen Tuttelman, RD at (781) 455-0400 x11237 to discuss ingredients in particular menu items.

Q: How can I prepay for my child's lunches?

A: By check or online. Click on the link, Lunch Payment System, on the sidebar for information about our computerized payment system.

Q: Can I pay on line?

A: Yes! You will need to set up an account with e-Funds for Schools. Here are instructions on how to do that: [e-Funds for Schools Instruction Flyer](#)

Q: How do I set up an account for paying online?

A: Download instructions for making online payments from the Nutrition Services website page.

Q: How can I find my ID# for making payments online?

A: Log into Powerschool through the parent portal. Click on the "online payment" icon with the coins, and your child's 5-digit ID # will be there. You can also obtain it through your school secretary or the Nutrition Services Department.

Q: If my child is just an occasional lunch buyer, can I still prepay for lunches?

A: Yes. Any prepaid monies into the system will be honored into the next school year.

Q: Can I see what my child is buying?

A: Yes. Instructions to view your child's account are in the "Forms & Info Sheets" sections on this website: My Lunch Account Instructions.

Q: Does Needham School District have a Wellness Policy?

A: Yes. Please click on "Nutrition and Wellness" to access the policy.

