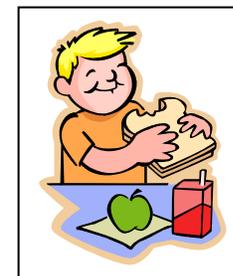


Frequently Asked Questions about the Food Service Program
Kennett Consolidated School District



Monthly menus are posted on the district website at www.kcsd.org.

WHAT IS A MEAL? All schools serve the National School Breakfast and the National School Lunch each school day. A meal includes the entrée, all side items, and milk. A school breakfast meal costs \$1.25 and a lunch meal costs \$2.25 (elementary) and \$2.50 (middle school/high school).

WHAT IS POINT OF SALE/CAFETERIA ACCOUNT? A Point of Sale is a system that will allow the cafeteria to meet certain federal guidelines regarding menu planning and service. It is also used to eliminate the need for cash on a daily basis thereby speeding up meal service. The Point of Sale is made up of cafeteria accounts that belong to students and staff. A cafeteria account is set up for every student so that he/she can purchase a meal or other items in the cafeteria without having to bring cash everyday. To activate the account, you only need to fill in a payment envelope, enclose cash or a check made payable to "KCS D Cafeteria" and have your child take it to the cafeteria. If you do not have a payment envelope, just use any envelope and mark the outside with your child's full name, grade, and teacher. Please make sure your child's first and last name is on the check and envelope. The cafeteria manager will call you if there are any questions.

HOW DOES MY CHILD USE THE POINT OF SALE SYSTEM? Each student is given a school assigned student identification number which also works as their cafeteria account number. At the elementary school level, the cashier will find the student's account number by searching the grade and teacher. At the middle school and high school, the student must enter their own number on the pin pad at the end of the serving line. This will bring up the account on the screen. The cashier will key in what the student selected. If the student is using money from their account, the computer will deduct the purchase and the student just goes to their seat to enjoy their purchases. If the student pays cash, the computer will calculate the purchase and the cashier will collect the money from the student and give them change if needed. The student identification number must be used every time the student makes a purchase whether using their account or paying cash. This is a federal regulation.

WHAT IF MY CHILD WANTS TO BUY JUST MILK AND/OR SNACKS? Milk, Bottled Water and Lemonade are available for 60 cents each. Snacks include soft pretzels, ice cream novelties, and baked chips and they cost 60 cents each. The middle school and high school offer additional snack items at various prices which are posted in the cafeteria. The cafeteria account can be used for snack items in addition to lunch. Also, any part of the meal may be purchased separately if the student does not want to purchase the entire meal package.

WHAT IF MY CHILD DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY IN HIS ACCOUNT WHEN HE GOES THROUGH THE LINE? At the elementary level, students will be able to choose a meal and the meal will be charged on their account. A payment envelope will then be sent home so that the parent can repay the charge. After 3 charges, the student may be given an alternate lunch until the debt is paid off. Low balance notices are sent home so that the parent can replenish the account before it is at a zero or negative balance. The student may also pay cash at the end of the line. At the middle school and high school level, the student may charge 1 meal. No ala carte purchases may be charged at any grade level.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES? If your child has an allergy or medical condition of which we should be aware, you may indicate that on a note enclosed in the payment envelope and the nurse at the school will send you the appropriate form to be completed by your physician. At your request, the system can discretely alert the cashier when your child goes through the line if you feel they may need assistance.

WHAT IF I CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE ANY PURCHASES IN THE CAFETERIA? The KCS D participates in the Free/Reduced Price Meal Benefit Program. An application is sent home with each child every year. If you complete the application and return it to school, it will be processed and you will be notified if you are approved for either free or reduced price meals. Please call 610-444-7725 if you need help in filling out the application or if you have any other questions.