

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

2020-21

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Chassell Township Schools** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.75**; lunch costs **\$2.80 (K-6) and \$3.05 (7-12)**. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.** Reduced price is **\$0.30** for breakfast and **\$0.40** for lunch. Milk is \$0.50

- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2020-21			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$454
2	\$31,894	\$2,658	\$613
3	\$40,182	\$3,349	\$772
4	\$48,470	\$4,040	\$932
5	\$56,758	\$4,730	\$1,091
6	\$65,046	\$5,421	\$1,251
7	\$73,334	\$6,112	\$1,410
8	\$81,622	\$6,802	\$1,570
Each additional person:	\$8,288	\$690	\$160

Please note: If your family qualified for free or reduced meals last year, you need to complete a new application before September 30 to continue to qualify this school year. Applications may be found on-line at chassellschools.org – then click on “Complete Lunch Calendar (located on the left hand side of the screen) – and then scroll toward the bottom of the screen to locate: Free/Reduced – Meal Application 2020-21 or contact the school district at 483.2132.

Replacing & Denying Meals

Negative Balance

Email reminders are sent home weekly on Monday evenings of any balance below \$10.00. On a monthly basis, all accounts with a negative balance are sent a letter with the balance asking for payment.

Charging Meals

When a student no longer has a positive balance in their account, the student will be allowed to charge 5 meals to his or her account before give a bag lunch. Once the 5 meals have been charged, equal to \$20 negative balance, a bag lunch will given in place of the lunch choice of the day. The bag lunch will consist of 4 packages of whole wheat saltine crackers, (2) 1 oz string cheese, a piece of fruit, and milk at a cost of \$2.80 for elementary and \$3.05 for middle school/high school.

If a student has a negative charge balance, the school must provide a meal when the student is using money to pay for the current day's meals or future meals.

If a student repeatedly comes to school with no lunch and/or money, the Food Service Director will report this to Administration. This could be a sign of abuse or neglect.

Denying Meals

The School is prohibited from denying meals as a form of disciplinary action against free, reduced, or paid students.

Schools may deny a meal to a student who pays reduced or full price and who does not provide the required payment for that meal, but only after a letter with a cutoff date is sent.

If a student is in a discipline/detention situation during the lunch period, the school may serve the same meal from the one being served in the lunch room and in a different location as long as the meal pattern is followed and a reimbursable meal is offered.