

LUNCH / BREAKFAST PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES: Student breakfast and lunch programs are designed to provide every student with balanced meals that are both nutritious and tasty. So that no student is neglected, a government-subsidized, free and reduced breakfast and lunch program is available for families who qualify. Applications are required by August 15th. All applications must be re-submitted annually, as required by the state of Ohio. Applications can be filled out on line by using <u>MySchoolApps.</u>

What my students do if we qualify for free or reduced-priced meals:

Wilcox and Bissell students go to breakfast or register and give your name and begin taking advantage of this great benefit. At Dodge, RBC and THS students go through the lunch and breakfast line and pick out your meal, enter in your student ID # (or give your name if you are not sure of your ID #) and begin taking advantage of this great benefit.

Because this is a Federal Meal Program, students must have at least an entree and a fruit or juice at breakfast or an entree and fruit or vegetable at minimum at lunch to take advantage of the free or reduced benefits. Breakfast can include entree, fruit, orange juice and milk. Lunch can include entree, vegetable, fruit, milk and sometimes dessert (per menu). **Students participating in our free and reduced meal program, must take the minimum Federal requirements stated above or we are required to charge the a la carte prices.**

For the 2023-2024 school year, school lunches will cost \$3.25 at Wilcox and Bissell, \$3.50 (Dodge, RBC, and THS). For students who want to purchase milk only for packed lunches, the cost is \$.50. Breakfast is \$2.00 (Costs are subject to change). Meals may be paid for in advance. The

preferred method of prepayment for meals and extras is using our new online option, MySchoolBucks. This new online option will enable parents view student purchases and transfer funds to between siblings. Payments can be made by check or cash, but should be done on Monday or the first day of the school week only. PLEASE NOTE THAT CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL SCHOOLS, BUT ONLY FOR PREPAYMENTS, AS WE WILL NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE CHANGE FOR STUDENTS OR PARENTS. If parents at Wilcox or Bissell would like to have the option to have to prepay for milk for their child, please contact Mark Bindus at mbindus@twinsburgcsd.org so that this a la carte option can be enabled for your child in our Point of Sale computer system. Each students' account must be enabled to allow for such purchases. Parents can also utilize our deposit drop boxes in our Welcome Centers of each school to drop off checks (made payable to Twinsburg Food Services).



Lunch Charging Procedures

Students who choose not to buy lunch may pack a lunch from home.

Food Safety will remain our number one concern when we prepare meals for the students of Twinsburg City Schools. All of our staff is trained annually on food safety. Additionally, each one of our Managers in each one of our buildings is <u>ServSafe</u> Certified. Our goal is always to serve your student the most nutritious and safest breakfasts and lunches possible. **Food Quality** has been and always will be important. Our Registered Dietitian, Mark Bindus, plans our menus to ensure that not only are the foods we serve safe, but nutritious and tasty. Our menus are planned to exceed current Federal Standards and be appealing and tasty for your students. Each day we will offer fresh fruits and vegetables as well as our homemade pizza and Cheesy Bread with dipping sauce as a meatless options.

Food Allergies. Our Registered Dietitian, Mark Bindus, plans our menus to ensure that not only are the foods we serve safe, but nutritious and tasty. Our menus are available on our Lunch Menu webpage <u>https://www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us/foodserviceswellness.aspx</u> When viewing the menus from a computer, when you move your mouse pointer over each food item, you will see nutritional as well as allergy information. If you need more allergen information, please feel free to contact our District Dietitian, Mark Bindus, RD,LD at <u>mbindus@twinsburgcsd.org</u>