



# FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NUTRITION SERVICES

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

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Welcome! We are happy you are here and would like to share information about the breakfast and lunch programs.

Students new to the district must have a completed school meals Application for Child Nutrition Program processed before they can qualify for free or reduced meals, even if they have siblings on the meal program from the previous year. Please remember that a family who applies for meal benefits does not “automatically” qualify. **Payment for meals, at full price, is required until the application is approved.** Processing can take up to ten (10) business days from the date the application is received by the Nutrition Services administrative office. Only original applications can be processed. No faxes or copies can be accepted.

The 2016-2017 school meals Application for Child Nutrition Programs will be available after August 1, 2016. **You can complete and submit the application online in the privacy of your home at <http://www.k12northstar.org>. If you do not have a computer available, ask to use a parent kiosk at a school or the Nutrition Services Center.** Applications will be available at the Nutrition Services Center, 1305 Charles Street, Fairbanks, the Tanana Valley Fair School District booth, and all school locations, and can be downloaded in PDF form to print from the school district website as well.

You only need to complete ONE application PER household. Please contact the Nutrition Services Center at 451-1004 with questions or assistance.

If your family receives SNAP, ATAP, TANF or NFAP benefits, your child(ren) are automatically eligible for free meals. Nutrition Services is provided a list of eligible students once a month but if you have received a DIRECT CERTIFICATION LETTER FROM THE STATE OF AK DIVISION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE for your children, please turn in the **original** letter. If you have children who ARE NOT listed on the DIRECT CERTIFICATION LETTER, please contact the Nutrition Services Center for assistance. **Medicaid and Denali Kid Care case numbers do not qualify for eligibility.**

The cost of making breakfast and lunch can really add up. The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District Nutrition Services wants you to consider our convenient, economical, and healthy school meals. Our meals are better than ever! We do the worrying about nutrition, food cost, and menu planning for you! We offer a minimum of two (2) entrée choices per day as well as a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. Check out the menu where there is something for everyone!

We operate a Point of Sale (POS) system at all grade levels and all enrolled students have a meals account. Your child(ren) will use a school district assigned I.D. number to access their account. This is a confidential number assigned to your student(s) and will stay with them until they graduate. Any student who has an allergy to food items (e.g. milk, soy) must have a physician’s statement on file which states the allergy and acceptable substitution. This form can be obtained from the school nurse.

PLEASE NOTE we provide “lunch loans” to elementary students up to the value of two (2) meals. Loans must be re-paid. Secondary students are NOT allowed to participate in “lunch loans”. Three options are available to pay for meals. We recommend use of online payments at [www.parentonline.net](http://www.parentonline.net) which features transaction history, ensures funds are not lost between home and school, and you can set up automatic low balance notices. You can also “prepay” money on the account by sending funds in an envelope accompanied by the STUDENT’S NAME and I.D. NUMBER and taken to the kitchen supervisor, or you can send money on a daily basis to pay the cashier. Please know that elementary students are not provided with change therefore all funds given to the cashier are deposited on their meals account.

The menu, nutritional analysis, product information, and other resources may be accessed at <http://www.k12northstar.org>. If you have any questions, please contact us at 451-1004 or email at [foodservice@k12northstar.org](mailto:foodservice@k12northstar.org).

Sincerely,

Nutrition Services Staff

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