



# Unified School District 247 Southeast

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## Home of the Lancers

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**Dr. Brad Miner – Superintendent**



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Congress did not extend federal school meal waivers and school meals will no longer be available to ALL students free of charge effective at the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Households may complete an Application for Free or Reduced Price School Meals during the 2022-2023 enrollment process or at <https://usd247.com/application-for-free-or-reduced-price-school-meals/> on July 20, 2022. Only students with approved applications will receive free or reduced price meals for the 2022-2023 school year. However, all elementary students are qualified for universal free breakfast, only. Families who do not qualify for free meals will be responsible for paying for their child(ren)'s meals at reduced or paid rates. Below are USD 247 Board of Education-approved 2022-2023 meal prices:

	<b>2022-23</b>
<b>Breakfast -</b>	
Student	1.85
Adult	2.35
<b>Lunch -</b>	
Elementary	2.80
Middle School	2.80
High School	2.95
Adult	4.25
<b>Reduced (Pre-K through 12)</b>	
Breakfast	.30
Lunch	.40

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: Will school meals be free of charge for ALL students in school year (SY) 2022-23?**

**A:** Congress did not extend school meal waivers and school meals will no longer be available to ALL students free of charge. Students that do not qualify for free meals will be charged for each meal they take at the beginning of SY 2022-2023.

**Q: How can households apply for free or reduced price meal benefits for SY 2022-23?**

**A:** Yes. Households can qualify for free and reduced price meals by filling out an application at <https://usd247.com/application-for-free-or-reduced-price-school-meals/> on July 20, 2022 or at enrollment August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. (Enrollment will be held at the high school. Times will be published at a later date.)



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**Q: Is there a way for households to apply online for free and reduced price meal benefits?**

**A:** Yes. On July 20, 2022, you may apply online at <https://usd247.com/application-for-free-or-reduced-price-school-meals/>.

**Q: When can my household complete an application for free and reduced price meals?**

**A:** Applications for free and reduced-price meals will be available July 20, 2022.

**Q: When will households start being charged for meals?**

**A:** Beginning school year 2022-2023, students who do not qualify for free meals will be charged for each meal taken.

**Q: Who determines the meal price for paid meals?**

**A:** Local school boards are required to set and approve student meal prices annually.

**Q. Will meals be allowed to be taken off campus during SY 2022-23?**

**A.** No. All school meals must be consumed on the school campus during the 2022-23 school year (with the exception of field trips).