

BLOUNT COUNTY SCHOOLS NUTRITION DEPARTMENT
2023-2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Our number one priority in the School Nutrition Department is the health and welfare of our students. Understanding that eating habits strongly affect a child's school performance, our staff is dedicated to serving healthy meals that meet required guidelines at affordable prices in a safe environment. Our menus have been audited and analyzed by the State Department of Education School Nutrition Program and have been found to be in compliance with USDA guidelines. Please read carefully the following important regulations and policies, which specifically relate to the School Nutrition Department.

FIRST SERVING DAY: The first **SERVING DAY** for breakfast and lunch will be **AUGUST 1, 2023**

APPLYING FOR FREE OR REDUCED MEALS: Please complete a meal application to see if your child qualifies for free or reduced price meals. Parents are encouraged to complete an application on line at www.school lunchapp.com. On line applications are received faster resulting in possibly quicker determination of qualification. Paper applications are available upon request at your child's school or café.

PREPAYMENTS FOR MEALS, SNACKS AND ALA CARTE ITEMS: You may pay online at www.myschoolbucks.com

We encourage parents to use this method of payment. If you choose not to use myschoolbucks.com to deposit money, you will need to place any money to be deposited on students account in an envelope, write the child's full name, amount enclosed and homeroom teachers name on the outside of the envelope. The student will need to bring to café during breakfast or lunch.

Please make sure checks are payable to the school cafeterias. Since the cafeteria manager cannot give change for any check written to the school cafeteria, **DO NOT** include field trip money, school fees, etc. in this check.

RETURNED CHECKS: Parents will be responsible for paying the amount of the check as well as a \$25 return check fee. No further checks will be accepted after the return of one check.

Please contact your cafeteria manager or the Central Office School Nutrition Department at 984-1212, if you have any questions.

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