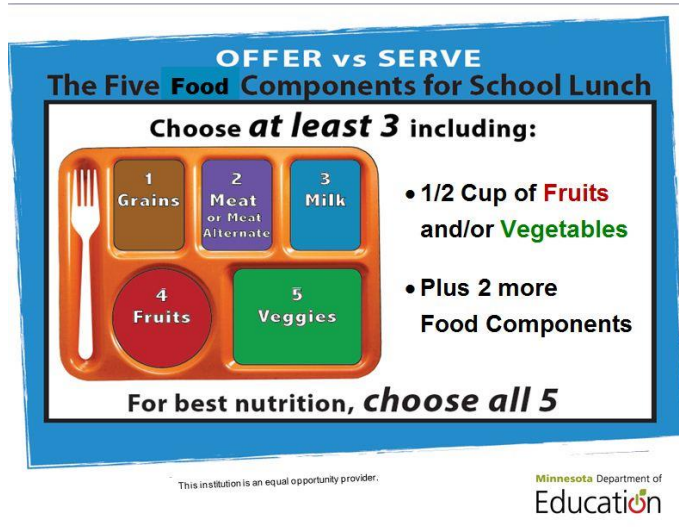


Food Service Program Overview

Barnum Public Schools ISD 91

Our food service program is dedicated to providing high quality nutritious meals to students in the Barnum Public School District. All student meals meet the federal guidelines for type and amount of food offered.

“Offer versus Serve” (OVS) Reimbursable Meals



School lunches consist of five required food components: meat/meat alternative, grains, fruit, vegetable and dairy. Under OVS, a student must take at least three components in the required serving sizes. One selection must be at least ½ cup from either the fruit or vegetable component. At breakfast, students must choose three of four required items offered. These constitute reimbursable meals. The school district receives federal and state funds for each reimbursable meal served.

Pre-Paid Meal Accounts

Students are issued individual meal accounts and personal identification numbers (PIN) at enrollment. The account and PIN will remain with each student throughout their school years. At the time of meal purchase, students will enter their own PIN into the Point of Sale (POS) key pad at the end of the line.

Meal accounts are debit accounts, therefore, there must be money in the accounts in order for students to use their account to pay for a meal. Each time your child purchases a meal by entering their PIN number, the amount of the purchase is deducted from the balance in their account. Students may use their meal accounts to pay for breakfast or lunch reimbursable meals, a second entrée serving or extra milk.

Students are not required to participate in the school’s meal program. Students may opt to eat breakfast at home and bring a cold lunch to school. Microwaves are available to students.

At the end of each school year, student account balances will carry forward to the next school year. If a student graduates, the balance will be transferred to sibling accounts, or if no siblings, a balance of \$5 or more will be reimbursed to the student’s parent(s).

Account Balance Status

Account balance information may be obtained from the following sources:

1. Parent Portal (If a Parent does not have an account, they can contact either the elementary or high school secretary to get one established.),
2. Point of sale cashier at either the elementary or high school, and
3. District Office at 218-389-6978 x1001

Automatic notices will go to parents' email and/or phones through Infinite Campus when account balances become low. Low balance notices will also be given verbally to high school students at the point of sale in the meal line. It is ultimately the responsibility of the parents and students to keep tabs on balances and deposit money before the account is depleted.

Payments

Payments accepted:

- **Online** at isd91.org > Food Service – Menus and More > PaySchools
- **In person** at the elementary or high school offices (check or cash)
- **By mail** to Barnum Public Schools, Attn: Food Service, 3675 County Road 140, Barnum, MN 55707.

Include student name(s) on the payment and if payment is being made for more than one student, break out the distribution of the payment. One check can be written for multiple students in a family.

Lactose Reduced Milk

Lactose reduced milk is available for any student upon written request by the parent or guardian. Requests should be directed to the School Nurse.

Accommodating Special Diets

Reasonable accommodations will be made for students requiring a specific diet due to medical reasons if:

1. a physician's statement is on file that describes the participant's disability (a disability defined in federal regulations) that prevents the participant from eating the regularly offered foods, AND
2. the physician has indicated the substitutions or modifications that the participant needs.

Application for Educational Benefits (Free / Reduced Price Meals)

Applications are accepted at any time throughout the school year. Families qualify if the total household income is within eligibility guidelines, or if a child's household participates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). The form is quick and easy to complete. Applications are available on our website at isd91.org > Food Service – Menus & More or by contacting the District Office at 218-389-6978 x1001.

Questions?

For questions regarding the Food Service Program contact the District Office at:

Mail: 3675 County Road 140, Barnum, MN 55707

Phone: 218-389-6978 x1001

Email: Iriihiluoma@isd91.org

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