

Food Service Program Overview

Barnum Public Schools ISD 91

Thanks to State funding, all students K-12 are eligible for free breakfast and lunch each school day they are in attendance. A **requirement of receiving free meals is that students must take a reimbursable meal**, meaning taking from the offerings at least three (3) items representing three (3) different food groups, one of which must be a fruit or vegetable. 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.

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.

Student Meal PINS

Students are issued individual personal identification numbers (PIN) at enrollment. The 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.

Application for Educational Benefits (for Free / Reduced Price Meals & more)

Even though meals are free for students, a qualifying application provides your student(s) with:

- 50% off athletic / activity fees for grades 7-12
- FREE ACT and AP Testing
- Early Childhood Class Discounts (through Community Ed)

Also, qualifying applications help Barnum Schools receive additional education funds, grants and discounts that benefit all students.

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.

Most of the following does not currently apply due to the MN Free School Meals for Kids program.

Pre-Paid Meal Accounts

All accounts are family accounts. All siblings will draw from one account. 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, has no younger siblings and the account has a balance of \$5 or more, a refund will be issued 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. Elementary Office – 218-389-6976 x1301, High School Office – 218-389-3273 x1010, and District Office at 218-389-6978 x1001.

Automatic notices are sent to parents' via email and/or phones 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 when needed.

Payments: Include student name(s) on the payment.

- **Online** at isd91.org > Food Service – Menus and More
- **Online** through the PowerSchool portal link to Wordware
- **In person** at the elementary or high school offices (check or cash)
- **By mail** to Barnum Public Schools, 3675 County Road 13, Barnum, MN 55707.

Questions?

For questions regarding the Food Service Program contact the District Office at:
Mail: 3675 County Road 13, Barnum, MN 55707; Phone: 218-389-6978 x1001
Email: lriihiluoma@isd91.org

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

- (1) **mail:** U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
- (2) **fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) **email:** program.intake@usda.gov

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