



# Free Breakfast & Lunch

## FAQ

We are excited to share that the USDA is extending the Summer Food Service Program through the school year 2020 - 2021.

This means we will be able to provide FREE breakfast and lunch for every child between the ages of 1 - 18 years old. This includes students enrolled in the Bettendorf Community School Districts, as well as any other child aged 1 - 18 years.

**Q. Who can get free meals?**

Any enrolled student, as well as any child between 1-18 years of age.

**Q. Does a student need to qualify for free or reduced lunch to participate in the free meal program?**

NO. This program will provide free meals to all students and children regardless of financial means.

**Q. Should I still fill out a free and reduced form if my student is usually on the free or reduced program?**

YES. You will still need to complete a free and reduced eligibility form to assure that your student's status is in place if the funding for the free meal program were to be interrupted before the end of the school year 2020 - 2021. It also ensures the proper funding for our school district. If you have already received notification from the District of your approval this year, you do NOT need to complete a new application. If you have not completed an application and wish to do so, you can complete an application through your Parent Portal. The household income guideline below will help you determine if your student will qualify.

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$984	\$908	\$454
2	\$31,894	\$2,658	\$1,329	\$1,227	\$614
3	\$40,182	\$3,349	\$1,675	\$1,546	\$773
4	\$48,470	\$4,040	\$2,020	\$1,865	\$933
5	\$56,758	\$4,730	\$2,365	\$2,183	\$1,092
6	\$65,046	\$5,421	\$2,711	\$2,502	\$1,251
7	\$73,334	\$6,112	\$3,056	\$2,821	\$1,411
8	\$81,622	\$6,802	\$3,401	\$3,140	\$1,570
Each additional person:	\$8,288	\$691	\$346	\$319	\$160

**Q. When will the meal program start, and how long will it be available?**

The free meal program will begin on September 21, 2020, and run until the last scheduled day of school for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

**Q. How will meals be distributed?**

Meals will be distributed in the cafeteria for students learning in the classroom, curbside for students who are online learners or learning remotely in the hybrid model, and curbside for any child between the ages of 1 - 18 years who are not enrolled in the District.

**Q. Do I need to sign up for meals when my student is at school?**

NO. Students attending school will still be able to receive breakfast and lunch in the school cafeteria.

**Q. Do I need to sign up for meals for my students who are online learners or learning remotely in the hybrid model?**

NO. Students utilizing the curbside meal pickup do not need to sign up or pre-order meals.

**Q. Do I need to sign up for meals if my child is not enrolled in the District?**

NO. Students utilizing the curbside meal pickup do not need to sign up or pre-order meals.

**Q. Where and when can I pick up meals?**

Meals will be provided curbside. Meals must be picked up daily (Monday – Friday). Each student/child will receive lunch for the current day, as well as a breakfast for the following morning. Do NOT exit your vehicle!! Please open the trunk of your car or leave a seat open where staff can place the meals.

**1 – 1:30 pm**

**Bettendorf Middle School**

2030 Middle Rd., Bettendorf

*Please use the entrance off of 18<sup>th</sup> St.*

**Q. What's included in a meal?**

Breakfast - Main entrée, juice, and milk

Lunch - Main entrée, fruit, vegetable, and milk

**Q: How many meals can be picked up at a time?**

One breakfast meal and one lunch meal will be provided per child per day.

**Q: Can both breakfast and lunch be picked up at the same time?**

YES. Both breakfast and lunch will be picked up at the same time.

**Q. Will the District deliver meals to my home?**

NO. The District will not be delivering meals.

**Q. Is there a menu available for meals being picked up curbside?**

YES. A menu is available through NutriSlice on the district website. Please select Curbside Pickup to view the menu. Please keep in mind that menus are subject to change without notice.

**Q. If my student brings his/her lunch from home, is a milk carton free?**

NO. The free meal program has strict meal requirements. If a student brings his/her lunch from home but wants a milk carton, their lunch account will be charged \$0.50.

**Q. Are adult meals or 2nd meals free?**

NO. The free program allows for one free breakfast and lunch per student or child aged 1 - 18 years. It is not available for adults or visitors.

**Q. Will a la carte items still be served at the Middle School and High School (example- extra entrees, beverages, snacks, etc.)?**

YES. Students will be charged for any a la carte purchases they make.

**Q. Will free meals be served on days when school is not in session?**

NO. Meals will not be served on days when school is not scheduled. This includes holidays, inservice days, school cancellations due to weather, etc.

**Q. Does participating in the free meal program harm the District in any way?**

NO. The District will receive Federal funding for all meals served regardless of a family's income level.

**Q. My child has a food allergy. Can the District make accommodations?**

YES. If your student has a food allergy, we must have a diet modification form on file that has been completed by your child's physician. If your child needs a special accommodation, please contact Kayla Leu at [kleu@bettendorf.k12.ia.us](mailto:k1eu@bettendorf.k12.ia.us). The District will need 24 hours advance notice to prepare a special diet meal.

**Q. Will COVID-19 safety procedures be in place?**

YES. All staff will be required to wear a face-covering during meal pickup.

\*\*Note - Food is being stored and prepared following our local Health Department and Federal USDA guidelines and regulations. All foods are intended to be consumed immediately or refrigerated within 2 hours of pickup. Refrigerated items should be discarded within 3 days.