

# FOOD & NUTRITION NEWSLETTER

**Middle School  
August 2017**

*"Great things in business are never done by one person.  
They're done by a team of people" - Steve Jobs*

## MEAL SERVICE TIMES

When scheduling lunch periods, School Board Policy 8510 states: Students should be provided an adequate amount of time to consume their meal with a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes **after receiving their lunch from the line.**

## BREAKFAST

**Reduced Price - \$0.30**  
**Middle - \$1.50**  
**Adult - \$1.75**

## LUNCH

**Reduced Price - \$0.40**  
**Middle - \$2.60 / \$3.00**  
**Adult - \$4.00**

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **New Cashiering System**

All schools will be utilizing a new cash register system beginning the first day of school. Students will enter their 6-digit ID number on the same pin pads and cashiers will ring in the individual menu items as has been done in the past. The new system was pilot tested in the spring at SLHS, BPMS and AES and there should be minimal impact to the speed of the lines after the first several days.

### **New Management Software**

FNS will also be implementing new management software throughout the school year. This new program will encompass menu planning, ordering, receiving, and inventory.

Managers, Assistant Managers and Production Assistants will be scheduled for training at the district office throughout the year. The new software will not impact meal service times, but will be a **big** change for FNS Managers. District office team members will be on-site for support the first several days of implementation.

The software will be implemented October 11 at AES, CSRMS and SLHS; November 1 at LMES, SMES, BPMS and LOLHS; and November 29 at an additional five (5) schools yet to be determined. Administrators will be advised when their school is scheduled for implementation.



Many adults question why the price of their meals are higher than student meals. Our program is federally funded and we receive federal reimbursement for each student meal served, but no federal funds are received for adults. Because of this, we are required to set our adult prices higher than that of our student meals and reimbursement combined. To help compensate for the additional cost to adults, we offer all adults two servings of fruits and/or vegetables with their meal.

## APPLICATIONS AND ALTERNATIVE MEALS

### On-line Applications

We have a new website for free and reduced applications: [www.pascoschoolmeals.com](http://www.pascoschoolmeals.com). School websites should be checked to verify your link is correct.

Federal regulations do not permit schools to require a family to complete an application. Please be sure this is not part of your school's registration/orientation process.

To prevent violations and parent complaints, the online application now includes a box parents can check indicating they know they do not qualify for free or reduced price meals.

Many students are directly certified for free & reduced price meals (families receiving Food Stamps, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), Medicaid, and FDPIR benefits). Qualifying students will receive written notification and should not complete an additional application.

Students without a new application for 2017-2018 will have their prior year's eligibility status carried over **through September 25, 2017**.

Notifications reminding parents to submit a new application will be sent prior to the expiration date.

### Alternative Meals

FNS offers parents a grace period when lunch money is forgotten. Students are allowed to charge meals to their school lunch account until they bring money from home or replenish the funds on-line. Parents are still responsible for repaying the charges accrued during the grace period, including the first 10 days of school.

The maximum charge limit for middle school is \$6.00 (two lunches). Once the charge limit is reached, students are offered an alternate lunch of a cheese sandwich, a milk choice and fruit & vegetable side choices until the charges are repaid. A la carte items and second entrees cannot be charged.

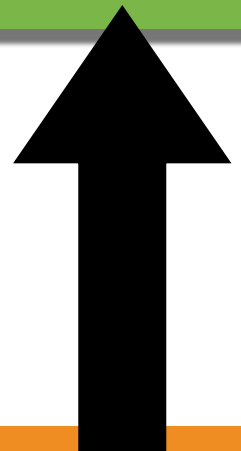


BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM

DECREASES:  
TARDINESS  
BEHAVIORAL ISSUES  
ABSENTEEISM  
STIGMA

SEPTEMBER 18TH

CHMS  
GMS  
PRSMS



### BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM

Breakfast in the Classroom programs will begin with schools currently offering free breakfast for all students (Provision 2). The **first phase** of the rollout will be on or before **September 18, 2017** starting with elementary & middle schools. High Schools will be the final phase, starting in 2018. FNS will be contacting those schools to provide additional information.

## COMPETITIVE FOODS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

*School Board Policies 8550 and 8510 impact foods sold or served at schools.*



No food or beverage will be sold on campus other than those provided with the School Breakfast and Lunch Programs at secondary schools from the start of the school day until one (1) hour after the last student lunch period.

All foods served or sold to students in schools during the school day, including school and classroom celebrations, classroom activities, vending machines, athletic events, or fundraising should model a healthy lifestyle and be consistent with the Student Wellness Policy procedure (8510). The school day is defined as midnight until 30 minutes after the last bell.

## FUNDRAISERS

The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 brought about numerous changes to fundraising activities on campus. Smart Snack Approved/Exempt food items may be sold 30 minutes after the last lunch period. If Smart Snacks are sold, schools are required to keep the Smart Snacks Calculator approval along with product nutrition facts labels on file. There are no limits on the number of non-food or Smart Snack Food fundraisers a secondary school can offer.

Middle schools are granted 10 exemption days to sell non-exempt foods that do not meet Smart Snacks Standards. Non-exempt foods cannot be sold until 30 minutes after the last scheduled lunch period and will count towards the school's exemption days. Those sold 30 minutes after the last bell will not count towards exemption days.

All schools are required to have their fundraisers posted on their website's school calendar. Additional information on food related fundraiser policies can be obtained from the Student Wellness website at <http://pascostudentwellness.pasco.k12.fl.us/>.

## HEALTHY SCHOOL TEAMS

**All Florida schools are required to establish a Healthy School Team (HST). Members of the HST must be reported to the district before the end September. Additional information will be provided or can be obtained at the Student Wellness Website.**

## NEW ON-LINE MENUS AND MENU APP

We are excited about a new way to view the schools breakfast & lunch menus with MealViewer!

**Be sure to update your school's website with the following menu link:**

<http://schools.mealviewer.com/district/pascocounty>

