## Food Service Facts

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year!

Lunch pricing in the Elementary School is \$3.00 and \$3.25 in the Middle and High School. Breakfast in the Elementary and Middle school is \$2.00. The reduced price of breakfast and lunch is waived this school year if you qualify at the reduced status.

Milk is included with each meal. If purchased separately it costs \$.50. An additional main dish in the Elementary School is \$2.50 and \$2.75 in the Middle and High School.

Your child will have the same pin number they had last year to purchase meals. There is a POS (point of sale) system in each of the cafeterias that work as a debit account. This means money can be deposited in a student's account in advance of purchases directly at the school cafeteria in the form of cash or check, or for your convenience, online. Online payments may be made by setting up an account at PaySchools Central where you can make deposits using a credit/debit card or online check. A mobile app is available. You will need your student's nine digit ID number to use in setting up the account. Keep in mind there is a nominal fee for utilizing this service. If you choose not to make online deposits, setting up an account will allow parents/guardians to monitor a student's spending or check account balances. Other features you can set up are low balance notifications and auto replenishment of funds. A new feature for parents is being able to transfer funds between siblings. Instructions for setting up an account can be found by clicking the food service tab and then going to navigation and PaySchools Information.

Applications for free and reduced price meals must be filled out and returned for approval each school year. All families are encouraged to complete the online application through their PaySchools Central account. A paper application will be available in each of the school offices for you to fill out if you prefer. Please make sure your child has money for meals until you hear from me that your application has been approved. Parents will be responsible for any negative balances that accrue. Please allow 10 days for processing. If your child received free or reduced price meals last year, the application is valid through October 8, 2025. If no application has been submitted and approved by the above date your child will go to full pay on October 9, 2025. No application needs filled out if you received a direct certification letter stating your child/children has been approved for free meals.

**Unpaid Meal Charges:** 

The goal of the RLSD is to provide students with healthy meals each day. However, unpaid charges place a financial burden on the Food Service Department. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to see that students have money in their meal account to purchase meals for that day or that they bring food from home. Children may charge their breakfast or lunch when necessary with the understanding that the unpaid balance will be paid back as soon as possible. When a child owes lunch money no extras may be purchased until unpaid balances are paid in full. Students are not permitted to purchase a la carte items with cash if they have a negative balance. The cash must first be used as payment toward the negative balance. All student account balances, negative or positive, will be carried over to the next school year. A friendly reminder about a negative balance will be sent with a phone call or email from the kitchen staff.

There will be extra snacks the children may purchase. Switch (100% fruit juice), baked chips, and ice cream are a few examples. If you do not want your child to purchase anything other than what comes on their lunch tray, please send a note or email <a href="mailto:shewell@roversk12.org">shewell@roversk12.org</a> and I will block them from buying any. Restrictions that have been put on their account in the past that you would like taken off, please let me know.

We are using My School Menus again this year. Use the link below to view school menus. View the sidebar to find links to download the mobile app and videos on how to navigate menus. Meal pricing will be found there. Menus can be printed weekly or monthly. Click on an item on the menu and nutritional and allergen information will pop up.

https://myschoolmenus.com/organizations/2293

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call 330-325-4139 or email shewell@roversk12.org.

Looking forward to seeing all the smiling faces at lunch!

Peggy Shewell
Director of Food Services

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