

Food Service Fact Sheet

The Perry Public Schools Food Service Department welcomes you and your child to the 2022-2023 school year! Please look below for the answers to our most asked questions.

NEW THIS YEAR – MEAL MAGIC FAMILY PORTAL

What is the Meal Magic Family Portal and how do I use it? The Meal Magic Family Portal <https://perry.familyportal.cloud/> is your one-stop site for managing your child’s meal account. Once you’ve created your personal account, you will be able to:

- Apply for free and reduced price meal benefits
- View your child’s detailed purchase history
- View current account balance
- Make a deposit
- Transfer funds between your children
- Access and change parental controls, such as a daily spending limit

The best way to get started is by going <https://perry.familyportal.cloud/> where you can register for an account, or click on “Tutorials” for guidance.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The district no longer supports SchoolPay for credit card deposits. Please use the Meal Magic Family Portal (powered by e~Funds for Schools) to make deposits to your child’s meal account.

Due to the expiration of USDA’s nationwide waivers, meals are no longer free for all students. We are encouraging all families to complete a free and reduced price meal application for the 2022-2023 school year.

How do I know if my family qualifies for free or reduced price meals? Below is the table showing the Federal Income guidelines for free and reduced price meals. You are encouraged to apply before the school year begins, and any time your family’s income or household size changes. To complete an application online, please use the [Meal Magic Family Portal](#).

FEDERAL INCOME ELIGIBILITY CHART for School Year 2022-2023

Household Size	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	25,142	2,096	484
2	33,874	2,823	652
3	42,606	3,551	820
4	51,338	4,279	988
5	60,070	5,006	1,156
6	68,802	5,734	1,324
7	77,534	6,462	1,492
8	86,266	7,189	1,659
Each additional person:	8,732	728	168

How much will my child’s meal cost if I do not qualify for free or reduced price meals?

Grade Level	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary	\$1.50	\$2.75
Middle School	\$1.75	\$3.00
High School	\$1.75	\$3.00
Reduced Price (all)	\$0.30	\$0.40

What comes in a meal?

Elementary - Your child will have a choice of two main entrees every day, including a hot vegetarian option. Each meal comes with white or chocolate milk, and your child's choice of a variety of fresh and prepared fruits and vegetables. **Meals are offered on ALL full school days, beginning on your child's FIRST DAY!**

Middle School and High School – In these grade levels, your child will have more choices for meals. The **Grill** and **2Mato** stations include homemade pizza by the slice, and a variety of hot sandwiches such as fresh grilled burgers and chicken sandwiches. The **Deli** station features fresh baked sub sandwiches, and **On the Go** includes fresh prepared items, such as smoothies, salads and yogurt parfaits. All meals include a choice of a variety of fresh and prepared fruits and vegetables, and a choice of milk. **Meals are offered on ALL full school days, beginning on your child's FIRST DAY!**

Can my child bring a lunch from home and still get milk? Are snack items available?

Milk is available for purchase *without a meal* for \$0.65, regardless of meal benefits. It is free of charge with all meals.

At the secondary levels, your child will have the option to purchase a la carte items, such as bottled drinks, packaged snacks and homemade cookies. All snacks meet the USDA requirement for Smart Snacks in schools.

How do I know what's on the menu each day for my child? Daily and monthly menus are published on Nutrislice! Visit www.nutrislice.com to see daily menu descriptions and photographs, filter common food allergens, translate the menu into another language, view carb counts and calories, and much more. The Nutrislice app is available on the App Store and Google Play.

My child has a food allergy and/or requires a special diet. How is that provided? All of our Food Service team members receive allergy training through the National FAREcheck Allergy training program. Our District Chef creates menus that accommodate your child's dietary need, and these items are prepared and served safely. If your child has a special dietary need due to a disability or medical issue, please complete the Medical Statement to Request Special Meals and/or Accommodations (request from Janet Killingsworth @ killingsworthj2@perry.k12.mi.us). This form must be completed and signed by your child's healthcare provider, and delivered to the Food Service via inter-office or regular mail. A new form must be submitted each school year. If you have questions, please call the Food Service Office at 517-625-0064.

How much should I budget for meal costs?

	Average Weekly Cost (5 lunch days)	Average Monthly Cost (20 lunch days)	Through December (73 lunch days)	Entire School Year (170 lunch days)
Elementary	\$13.75	\$55.00	\$200.75	\$467.50
Middle School	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$219.00	\$510.00
High School	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$219.00	\$510.00
Reduced price	\$2.00	\$8.00	\$29.20	\$68.00

If your child has funds remaining at the end of the school year, these funds will transfer with your child to the next grade level as long as your child remains in the FHPS district!

For more information, please contact Janet Killingsworth, at (517)625-0064 or killingsworthj2@perry.k12.mi.us