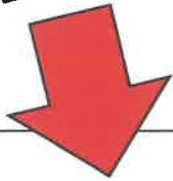


IMPORTANT UPDATE



FOOD SERVICE NEWS

How Do I Pay for School Meals?

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AMORY SCHOOL DISTRICT MEAL CHARGE POLICY:

The Amory School District accepts online meal payment thru MySchoolBucks.com. From this secure site parents can pay for meals or check a student's account balance any time, day or night, for the last 30 calendar days. A student ID# is required to access the system the first time. This can be obtained from the student's school office or the Amory School District Child Nutrition Office. Payments may also be made at each cafeteria and pre-payments are encouraged. Cash is accepted but checks are encouraged in the event that cash gets lost/stolen or misspent.

Students in grades K-12 may charge a meal if the need arises. The charge limit for **Full Pay** students is **\$25.00**. The charge limit for **Reduced** students is **\$8.00**. No adult meals will be charged. When the maximum charge amount is reached, parents will have a 5-day grace period to resolve the debt. After this 5-day grace period if the debt is not resolved, the student will be offered an alternative meal (vegetables, fruit, and milk) for 5 days. After this 5-day period, no more alternative meals will be available.

Parent are strongly encouraged to create a MySchoolBucks account so they can closely monitor their child's account balance. Low balance notifications can also be set up. Charging meals is a courtesy and should not become a habit.

Parents may apply for Free/Reduced meals each year. This is highly beneficial to the parent and to the Amory School District. Applications are not required but highly encouraged.

It is the parent's responsibility to make certain their child has money in their account. Balances can be checked via MySchoolBucks or by contacting the Food Services Department or the café manager at the appropriate school.

The ASD Child Nutrition Department has multiple options you can use to pay for school meals. The Online Payment System (MySchoolBucks) can be accessed through our Food Services page: www.amorypanthercafe.com. Checks and exact cash are also accepted (see below for more details).

To use the online payment system, you will need to contact the Child Nutrition office to receive the access code for your child. Simply call **662-256-3576** and speak with Sandy Smith or email her at ssmith2@amoryschools.com. Sandy will walk you through the process of setting this service up. Through the online payment system you will be able to monitor your child's meal account balance and make payments by check, debit/credit card. There is a nominal fee for each payment transaction (set by MySchoolBucks); however, this is no fee to check your child's balance.

Consider your child's meal account as a "bank" account. All money that is sent to the school needs to be in a lunch envelope. You may obtain these from our office, the school office or the cafeteria. Please send exact amounts, as all monies will be deposited into your child's account. No change will be given. All monies remain in your child's account and will be deducted from as food purchases are made. Please monitor your child's account & set up "low balance" notifications so that the account does not go into the negative. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that adequate funds are available. This will help avoid any problems that may arise due to our charge policy.



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What if your child requires a special diet?

If your child requires a special diet due to food allergies, please contact the Food Services Department for the necessary forms to complete. These forms must be signed by the child's doctor and renewed each school year. *No school meals/diets will be altered until these forms are returned. You may also ask the school nurse for assistance.

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