

Custer School District Food Service Information

We look forward to the coming school year at the Custer School District as Lunchtime Solutions continues to provide the food service program. The purpose of this note is to provide you with an idea of what to expect from our food service program. If you have any questions or comments about our program, please contact Sarah McCoy, Food Service Director at 605-545-2792 or sarahm@lunchtimesolutions.com. For your convenience, our menu is posted monthly on the Custer School District website.

School Breakfast

Breakfast is served in the dining areas before school starts. Please encourage your student to participate in school breakfast. Research studies show that eating breakfast can help students perform better in the classroom. Breakfast prices are:

2017-2018 Prices	Paid Students	Reduced Price Students	Free Students
K-12 Breakfast	\$1.60	\$0.30	\$0.00
Extra Breakfast Entrée	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05
Extra Breakfast Cereal	\$0.90	\$0.90	\$0.90
Bottled Juice or Water (MS/HS Only)	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$1.30
Extra Milk	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50

School Lunch

School lunch will offer a wide variety of choices for students. All students have three entrée choices daily. Entrees could include entrees like home-style chicken & noodles, Italian foods, Mexican foods, chicken nuggets, entrée salads, wraps and sub sandwiches. All meals include an entrée choice, a hot vegetable plus the unlimited Fruit & Veggie Bar, and milk choices.

High School students are also offered the "Cruisin' Café" Meal, which is a "grab & go" reimbursable meal that offers students a premium entrée choice, chips, fruit, milk, and a milkshake. Lunch prices are:

2017-2018 Prices	Paid Students	Reduced Price Students	Free Students
K-5 Lunch	\$2.80	\$0.40	\$0.00
6-12 Lunch	\$2.95	\$0.40	\$0.00
Cruisin' Café Lunch (HS only)	\$4.05	\$0.40	\$0.00
Extra Lunch Entrée	\$1.55	\$1.55	\$1.55
Extra Branded Pizza (HS/MS only)	\$1.80	\$1.80	\$1.80
Extra Cruisin' Café Entrée (HS only)	\$1.80	\$1.80	\$1.80
Granola Bars	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$0.75
Cookies/Cheez-It Crackers	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Chef Demo	\$2.25	\$2.10	\$2.10
Bottled Juice or Water (MS/HS only)	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$1.30
Naked Juice (MS/HS only)	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.25
Extra Milk	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50

ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO "Custer School District"

Fruit & Veggie Bar (Unlimited!)

Fruit & Veggie Bar - All students purchasing the regular school lunch may have extra servings from the fruit & veggie bar: fresh fruit, canned fruit, fresh vegetables, bread, and peanut butter, at no charge. All extra servings of these items are free. With entrée choices and the unlimited fruit & veggie bar, no student should be hungry unless they choose to be hungry!

Extra Items

All students, at an extra cost, can purchase an additional entrée or milk offered as part of the school lunch program. For example, if a student wants a second entrée, like a slice of pizza, then that entrée can be selected in the lunch line and charged to the student's account. Extra entrees are only sold to students who first purchase a school lunch. If a student is free or reduced, they receive one entrée with their meal but they must have money in their account to purchase any extra entrees. Extra servings of canned fruit, fresh fruit, vegetables, salads, bread, and peanut butter are available at no charge. See the "Fruit & Veggie Bar" section above. For **Junior** and **Senior High School** students, there will be snack items available during the breakfast and lunch period. Items offered include: Fruit Juice, Water, Baked Chips, Cereal Bars, and Smucker's Uncrustables®. Snack and beverage items will only be sold to students who first purchase a school meal. Snack items may be deducted from the student's lunch account, please visit with your student about any snack items that they may purchase in addition to the school lunch.

School Lunch Account

Families are encouraged to visit with their students about their school lunch account and set any limits necessary. To assist parents with monitoring their student's lunch account activity, please call the Food Service Office at 673-4157, or the secretary in Hermosa at 255-4345, and request a detailed statement. All checks for food service should be made out to **Custer School District**. All students can be informed of their account balance in the lunch line. **The District does not allow students to charge against their accounts. Please see the reverse side of this letter for the district's lunch account policy.**

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CUSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT LUNCH ACCOUNT POLICY

Diet Modifications

Families are responsible for notifying the School Food Service if their child requires a diet modification because of a life threatening disability. A licensed physician must provide specific written medical documentation. Please contact the School Food Service office for more information.

Join us Anytime!

Please feel free to join your child for a meal any day. The cost for an adult breakfast is \$1.85 and an adult lunch is \$3.50 (\$4.55 for an adult Cruisin Café lunch). Please pay for your lunch at the school office. We hope to see you there!

The Custer School District's policy regarding lunch accounts is as follows:

Lunch Accounts are set-up as Individual Accounts:

- Each student has a PIN that they should memorize. All students will enter their own PINs.
 - Lunch money must be turned in to the school secretary prior to the start of the school day. Exact amounts are to be used as no change will be given. Checks should be made payable to Custer School District.
 - To insure proper credit to the account, the student's PIN should accompany payments.
 - Accounts must carry positive balances. If the price of a meal is not in the account, the student will not be allowed to eat.

The policy will be enforced with Junior and Senior High School Students as follows:

- The lunch room computer will give the cashier a "low balance" warning whenever a student's individual account is \$10.00 or below.
 - **Balance Below \$10:** Students are told the account balance is low and they need to bring money. Students will be offered a written reminder in the form of a yellow card stating the same.
 - **Balance Not Enough for a Meal Purchase:** If the student does not bring money and does not have enough in the account, they will not be allowed to purchase (charge) a meal or a la carte items, and a red card will be offered to the student. They will be offered an "alternative meal" (see below). **Students and parents are responsible for ensuring there are sufficient funds in the student's account.**
- Statements will not be sent home with Junior and Senior High School students. It is expected that students be responsible for their own lunch account balance.
- Parents and/or students can check their account balance by calling the Food Service Office at 673-4157, or the Hermosa school secretary at 255-4345.
- Please keep in mind that extra entrees can be purchased with funds in individual accounts. Even reduced and free lunch students can end up overdrawn due to the purchase of extra entrees.

The policy will be enforced with Elementary School Students as follows:

- The lunchroom computer will give the cashier a "low balance" warning whenever a student's individual account is at \$10.00 or below.
 - Day 1: Students are told the account balance is low and they need to bring money.
 - Day 2: If the student does not bring money and the cashier still gets the "low balance" message; the students are told the account balance is low and they need to bring money. The cashier or classroom teacher will give a written reminder to the student.
 - Day 3: If the account balance is too low, the student will not be able to purchase a meal. **Students and parents are responsible for ensuring there are sufficient funds in the student's account.** Students are offered an "alternative meal" (see below). A written reminder to bring lunch money will be given to the student to take home.
- Statements for elementary students with a low or zero balance will be sent home weekly. Parents should check student's backpacks for lunch account statements.
- Parents and/or students can check their account balance by calling the Food Service Office at 673-4157, or the Hermosa school secretary at 255-4345.
- **Morning snack milk** is not part of the lunch program. Morning milk funds need to be paid to the school secretary and will be kept separate from lunch accounts.

ALL STUDENTS – Alternative Meal:

Paid and Reduced Price Students with a balance that is too low to purchase a meal cannot eat the regular meal until money is put into their lunch account. They will be offered an alternative meal of a peanut butter sandwich, fruit & veggie bar and milk. They can receive the alternative meal a maximum of three (3) times during the school year. When a student has used all alternative meals, he/she will have the opportunity to call home during the lunch period; however, the student will not be provided food by the school district. **Students eligible for free meals** will be allowed to receive the regular meal but must have money in their account to purchase extra entrees or extra milk.