FAQ's for 2023-2024 NISD Child Nutrition

1. What is the cost for meals?

Breakfast costs \$1.00; Lunch Costs \$2.35 for secondary (Middle & High School) and \$2.10 for Elementary School. Reduced price is \$0.40 for lunch and no cost for breakfast at all levels. A La Carte items will be charged at the individual prices.

2023-2024 MEAL PRICES	F	PAID		REDUCED	
BREAKFAST	\$	1.00	\$	-	
LUNCH - (ELEM)	\$	2.10	\$	0.40	
LUNCH - (MIDDLE/HIGH)	\$	2.35	\$	0.40	

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2. Do I need to apply for Free & Reduced meals?

Your child(ren) may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Households with children in Non-CEP schools interested in the meal program must apply for the program every school year. The application will determine a child's eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and may assist in the determination of

eligibility for other state or federal benefits.

- Apply online at <u>www.schoolcafe.com/Northside</u> beginning July 31st.
- Applications are available at your school or the Free & Reduced Office at 7520 Mainland Drive, San Antonio, TX 78250.
- For more information, contact the Free & Reduced office at (210) 397-4517 or email free-reduced@nisd.net.

NOTE: Families that have children attending CEP Campuses DO NOT need to fill out a Free & Reduced-Price Meal Application. For a list of CEP campuses click <u>here</u>.

3. Where can I make payments or obtain a refund on my student's meal account?

- Beginning July 31st, payments for A la Carte or extra food purchases can be made on www.schoolcafe.com/Northside.
- This service allows you to make payments, view purchase history, and receive low balance alerts for your child.
- Prior year balances will be rolled forward to the student's new school.
- If a child has withdrawn or graduated, you may contact childnutrition@nisd.net for a refund.

4. What is on the menu?

A new menu will be added this year! Visit http://www.schoolcafe.com/Northside/menus for our online interactive menus.

5. What is School Café?

School*Café* is a single location for your entire cafeteria.

- Free & Reduced-price meal applications can be accessed and completed on SchoolCafé.
- School *Café* is a safe and secure way for parents to make online payments to their children's cafeteria accounts.
- School *Café* also allows parents, students and staff to view and interact with school cafeteria menus, view nutritional analysis, ingredient and allergen information.

6. What is the Supper Program?

- The Supper program is offered at state-approved, participating Elementary and Middle Schools.
- A Supper meal will be provided to students enrolled in an after-school enrichment program at NO COST.
- Visit SchoolCafé to see what will be served for supper each day.

7. Who do I contact if I have additional questions about student meals?

You may contact your student's Cafeteria Manager or the Child Nutrition office at (210) 397-4501 or via email at childnutrition@nisd.net.

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