

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SCHOOL NUTRITION

School Year 2023-2024

1. What meals are served?

Lawrence County Schools serve both breakfast and lunch daily.

2. What are the meal prices?

All of our brick and mortar schools in Lawrence County qualify for Community Eligible Provision (CEP) based on the criteria set forth by USDA. This means all students can get a complete breakfast and lunch, regardless of their eligibility, **at no charge** for SY 23-24. Any money currently in accounts will remain and can be used to purchase meals and/or a la carte when the free program ends. Charging of a la carte is not allowed.

No one will need to complete a free and reduced application for SY 23-24. However, we will ask for a household survey to see who are in households together to possibly help keep the program.

3. Must my child take all food items?

Lawrence County Schools is an Offer vs. Serve System with the exception of our Pre-K and any transported meals. Each student may choose to decline up to two items at lunch and one item at breakfast. However, they must take a fruit or vegetable serving at lunch and a fruit serving at breakfast.

4. How can I put money into my child's cafeteria account?

There are several different ways to place money into your child's account.

- Send a check or cash with your child. However, we do not encourage sending cash with your child.
- You can stop by your child's cafeteria to make a payment.
- You can pay online at www.schoolcafe.com.

Please remember when paying by check you must have your child's name on the check.

5. What if my child does not have money in their account for a la carte items?

Lawrence County Schools cannot allow a la carte items to be charged. There must be money in the account or your child must have cash to purchase a la carte.

6. How may I check on my child's/children's account balance?

Once you create an account at www.schoolcafe.com you can view your child's account at any time. You may also call the Nutrition Department at 931-762-3581.

7. Where can I fill out an application for free and reduced priced meals?

For SY 2023-2024, no free and reduced applications will need to be submitted, however, you will be asked to complete a household survey. Due to qualifying for CEP, all students eat at no charge, regardless of eligibility.

8. Who may I contact with questions or concerns?

You are welcome to contact your child's cafeteria manager at their school, or the Lawrence County School Nutrition Department at 931-762-3581.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.