



2021-2022 FOOD & NUTRITIONAL SERVICES

FOOD SERVICE

Our school participates in the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs. SLA Management is the school's contracted food service provider. Participation in the school meal programs is not a requirement, and students may choose to bring their lunch to school from home if they wish. However, students are encouraged to eat nutritious meals and we ask that parents not send candy or sodas as part of their child's lunch. Instead, parents are encouraged to pack assorted fruits, juices and other healthy items.

MENUS

Monthly menus can be found on the school's website or as posted in the school's cafeteria and front office.

CAFETERIA BEHAVIOR

Each student is required to show good manners, courtesy and consideration of other students and adults in the cafeteria. Cafeteria rules are posted in the dining area, and all students are expected to adhere to these established rules at all times. Students are to enter and exit the cafeteria in an orderly fashion. Students are to stand in a single file line while waiting for food, keep communication noise levels low (no shouting), and remain seated. Students shall dispose of all trash in the designated receptacles before the lunch period is over (or upon the request of the monitors). Food or objects are not to be thrown at any time in the cafeteria as this poses a safety concern. Students may not leave the school grounds for lunch.

MEAL PRICES

Under the Meal Flexibility Waiver granted by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), **breakfast and lunch will be served FREE of charge** to all enrolled students throughout the entire 2021-2022 school year.

A LA CARTE MENU

Students are entitled to one free breakfast and lunch daily during the 2021-2022 school year. Students who choose to take a second meal will be charged full price. "Extra" entrees, fruits, vegetables and select snacks will be available for purchase in September 2021.

UNPAID MEAL BALANCES

Students must have cash in hand or funds in their cafeteria account to make a la carte purchases. Students may not charge second meals or a la carte items on credit. Negative balance letters will be sent to families if accounts remain in the negative. Unpaid meal balances may be carried over from year to year. Students with outstanding balances will not be permitted to participate in extra-curricular activities (i.e., dances, field days) until the balance is paid in full.

SCHOOLCAFÉ PORTAL

Each student is automatically set up with a cafeteria account upon enrollment. To manage their children's accounts, parents can go to www.schoolcafe.com/K12Food or follow the link to SchoolCafé on your school's website. Through the SchoolCafé portal, parents can check their child's cafeteria account balance; make payments using a credit or debit card; and even apply for free and reduced meal benefits. To add a student to your account, you will need your child's Student ID. If you do not know your child's Student ID number, please contact the school's registrar.

SCHOOLCAFÉ REFUNDS/TRANSFERS

Cafeteria account funds from the end of last school year will automatically be rolled over into your student's SchoolCafé prepaid meal account. If you would like to transfer cafeteria account funds between your children, or to request a refund of a student's prepaid cafeteria account balance, please email refunds@CharterK12.com. Donation, transfer and refund requests will be processed at the end of the school year or upon withdrawal of the student. Requests must be made in writing. Unclaimed funds must be requested within one school year after graduation or withdrawal.

FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION

Although meals will be available free of charge to all students throughout the 2021-2022 school year, parents who have not received a letter of direct certification from the school are encouraged to complete a Free and Reduced Meal Application. Students who are approved for free and reduced price meal benefits may be eligible for discounts on SAT/ACT testing, Pandemic-EBT benefits, summer enrichment programs and internet services. The 2021-2022 Free and Reduced Meal Application will be available at www.schoolcafe.com/K12Food on the first day of school. Please contact the Meal Benefits Department at K12Food@CharterK12.com with questions.

FOOD POLICY

Due to recent changes in our environment, students may not bring outside food items to share in the classroom until further notice.