

Parent Newsletter 2014-2015 from the Child Nutrition Department...

Free and Reduced Meals: We are pleased to announce that the following schools will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2014-2015 school year. All students attending Bunn Elementary, Edward Best Elementary, Franklinton Elementary, Franklinton Middle, Laurel Mill Elementary, Louisburg Elementary, Terrell Lane Middle, and Royal Elementary will be eligible for free breakfast and lunch meals each school day. If a student attending one of these schools transfers to a non-CEP school listed below, a free or reduced meal application must be completed in other for benefits to continue if a direct certification letter is not received for the student.

Students at Bunn High, Bunn Middle, Cedar Creek Middle, Franklin County Early College High School, Franklinton High, Long Mill Elementary, Louisburg High, and Youngsville Elementary will need to apply for free or reduced meals by completing a family meal application. The exception to this is if the student receives a Direct Certification benefits letter prior to the first day of school. If a Direct Certification letter is received, please verify that every child in the household receives a letter. If not, please contact the Child Nutrition Office immediately at 919-496-5125.

Charges in the Cafeteria: Please communicate with your student(s) to make sure they have meal money each day if paying full or reduced price for meals. Once students incur a balance of \$7.35 or more they will start receiving a substitute meal until their charges are paid in full. Students are not allowed to charge wrapped a la carte items. If you have questions about your student's cafeteria account, please contact your school cafeteria manager.

A La Carte Pricing: Each school offers a variety of a la carte items that students may purchase. These price lists are available on the district website under Child Nutrition. All a la carte items are "Smart Snack" compliant.

Special Messages: If you have a special message that you would like the cafeteria to notice each day, it can be added to your student's account. Messages can range from a la carte purchasing options to special diet needs. Contact your school cafeteria manager or the Child Nutrition Office at 919-496-5125 for more information.

Parent Information: Nexcheck is the collection agency that handles return check collections for FC Schools Child Nutrition. Franklin County Schools uses K12PaymentCenter an online payment system. More information about the K12PaymentCenter is available on the district website under Child Nutrition.

The Cafeteria Can Help with Celebrations: Are you looking for a way to celebrate special occasions? Allow the school cafeteria to help you. A variety of snack items are available at a discounted price if purchased in bulk. Classroom parties and other celebrations are a great opportunity to take advantage of bulk pricing of healthy snack items. Also, available for bulk purchasing are paper products such as cups, napkins, plates, etc. This is a great way to eliminate the worry of bringing items to school for your student's special day.

Student Wellness Policy: The Student Wellness Policy and supporting regulations outline many healthy initiatives and practices that are in place to promote healthy bodies and minds. Please refer to Policy 6140.

Special Diets: All students with disabilities will be accommodated based on the written orders by a licensed physician. Students without disabilities will be accommodated through the Offer vs. Serve provision. This includes milk preferences, food allergies, food preferences, etc. Please make sure that you communicate with your school if your student(s) has any special diet needs. Medical statements must be complete for students with disabilities. We recommend that medical statements be completed for any student with special dietary needs.

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