

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Spring Lake Public School Food Service

### 1. How much does Breakfast and Lunch Cost?

Elementary/ Secondary Breakfast: \$1.85

Elementary Lunch: \$2.40

Secondary Lunch: \$2.60

Milk only: \$0.50

### 2. How do I pay for my child's school lunch account?

Spring Lake Public Schools accepts cash and check at each school. In addition, payments can be made online at [www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com)

### 3. How does my child receive just Milk?

A \$0.50 charge will be deducted from the student's account. Student who qualify for free and reduced meal prices must take a full meal in order for the milk to be free.

### 4. My child receives meal benefits. What are they entitled to?

With meal benefits, your child receives one type A reimbursable meal for breakfast (if served at your school) and one type A reimbursable meal for lunch. If they would like additional meals, ala carte items, snacks, juice or milk, they may purchase those at the published price.

### 5. What is a Type A Reimbursable Meal?

A Type A reimbursable meal is the name given to meals that meet the required meal pattern by the National School Lunch Program. The type A meal must include the following components: a protein, a bread, a vegetable, a fruit and fluid milk. At Spring Lake Public School, we provide an offer vs. serve format of type a meals. This means that students are offered all 5 components, but must choose at least 3, **including a serving of fruit or vegetable**, to comprise a "qualified" meal. They can choose all 5 if they wish, but must take a minimum of 3 items.

## **6. What do I do if my child has a Food Allergy?**

All students with food allergies are required to have a medical form on file with the Food Service Department. This form must be updated annually and be signed by a Licensed Physician. Visit the homepage for Special Dietary Request form.

## **7. What if my child is purchasing meals without my permission?**

Meals charged by the student are the parent's responsibility. We recommend that you talk with your student about how you would like them to use the account. However, if you do not want your child to have certain meals or a la carte items charged to his/her account, we can help monitor the student's meal purchases. The account can be marked to alert the cashier of those limitations.

Please call the Food Service Office at (616) 847-7917 to set the guidelines on your student's account.

## **8. Why did I receive a letter stating my child's lunch balance is low?**

Research shows that children who are well fed learn better than students who are hungry. The food service staff strives to feed a nutritious lunch to each day.

Please help us make the lunchroom a fun place for your child by keeping an adequate balance in their lunch account to cover the meals they purchase. To help you ensure that your child has an adequate balance in their account, we will send home a "negative balance" letter bi-weekly and can set you up with low balance email reminders.

## **9. How can I check my child's lunch balance?**

There are several options to check on food service accounts. Parents can check with the food service cashier at the school or call the Food Service Office at (616) 847-7917 to check balances. Students are also given notes to take home or verbally informed when their accounts are getting low. Visit [www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com) to check balance online.

It is your responsibility to regularly check your child's account balance to ensure that they have money in the account. Your student's account is not a charge account. Negative amounts must be paid in order for your student to continue getting school meals. Students with large negative balances may be offered an alternate meal instead of hot lunch