

Food Service FAQ's

Where does the food come from?

We purchase our meals from Fairfield Suisun Unified School District. It is delivered fresh and hot daily from the Armijo High School Central Kitchen.

What do the students get to eat?

Monthly menus are available to parents and students in front office showing what is offered each day. There are three choices for lunch and two choices each day for breakfast. Students choose their entrée and then must take at least one more item, milk or fruit or juice (breakfast), or milk, or fruit or vegetables or a dessert for lunch. They must take the one more item in addition to their main entrée to satisfy the requirements for the National School Lunch program. They are not required to take any other thing they do not want.

How do you know how much food to order?

We make an educated guess each day on how many students will be eating with the lunch program based on the previous day's number of meals sold. We always try to achieve a balance of enough meals without too many leftovers. When we do have leftovers, we do one of two things with them. One, offer them to the parent volunteers to eat or take home, since we cannot reuse them the next day or call the Christian Help Center in Vallejo and donate them.

What do you do with the food left by the students?

Food selected and paid for by the students cannot be returned to the lunch program, so if the cafeteria volunteers see a carton of milk or fruit left on a table, they are instructed to place it in a visible place for anyone to take and eat or to throw it away. No food item, including milk, can be returned to the program to be reused after it has been sold.

How do I pay for my student's lunch?

Students or parents come into the office and pay with cash or check, and money is immediately deposited into their Power Lunch account. When they come through the service line, their ID card is scanned which pulls their account up. If they are free or reduced, or full pay students with a positive balance of at least \$3.00 they go through and select their lunch. If they are full pay students without a balance of at least \$1.75 for breakfast or \$3.00 for lunch, they are directed to main office to put enough money into their account to eat.

How much do breakfast and lunch cost?

Breakfast, served from 7:30 to 7:55 a.m., is \$1.75.

Lunch costs \$3.00.

How can I make sure my student has enough money to eat?

First, we inform the students as they come through the lunch line when their balance is getting low, telling them the next day they will need money if they want lunch, etc. We have posted signs that invite and encourage each student to ask us at the lunch line what

their balance is at any time. Parents are also able to check their student's lunch balance and transactions daily on Parent Portal.

How do the students ID card work?

Each student is assigned an ID number which is encoded into their ID card. At the beginning of the breakfast and lunch line their ID cards are scanned for that number which that ties them to their Power Lunch account. Students are expected to have their ID card each day. In the lunch line, those students who have their ID come into lunch room line first. Allowing students with their IDs to go first-greatly speeds up the lunch line for everyone. Students without their ID cards can still get a meal. We find their lunch account by typing in their name.

Can I pay ahead on my student's Power Lunch Account?

Yes, we can accept any size check or cash toward student's account. You will receive a receipt and can monitor your student's meal purchases on MIT's Parent Portal.

There are approximately 20 school days in a month, 20 breakfasts @ \$1.75 = \$35.00, 20 lunches @ \$3.00=\$60.00.