

**School Nutrition Program
ISD 317, Deer River Public Schools
Deer River, MN**

GENERAL PROCEDURES

FOOD SERVICE PAYMENTS

Payments may be taken to school by your student and given to the office in the elementary or in the high school deposited in the 'Food Service Payment Mail Box' in the high school cafeteria. Payments may also be mailed to, or dropped off at:

ISD #317 Food and Nutrition
PO Box 307
Deer River, MN 56636

LOW ACCOUNT BALANCES

The family Food Service Account must maintain a positive balance at all times. We encourage you to have your student(s) inquire about their balance when they go through the lunch or breakfast line. When there is \$5.00 per student, (\$10.00 for 2, \$15.00 for 3...) left in the account, the computer will beep and flash as the student puts in their identification number. NO WRITTEN NOTICES WILL BE SENT.

You may call the Food Service Office at 246-2420 at any time to check your account balance. You will need your family account number to obtain this information. Students will not be allowed to make a purchase when the account does not have a positive balance. Any student with a negative account balance will have the option of receiving a peanut butter sandwich and carton of milk at no charge.

Any family having difficulty in working with this policy is strongly encouraged to apply for the benefits offered by the free/reduced meal program.

RETURNED CHECKS

Periodically, a check is returned to the Food Service Office by the bank for insufficient funds. When this occurs, the amount of the bad check is immediately deducted from the Family Food Service Account. You will be notified by letter to replace the bad check. Upon receipt of the replacement check, the account is credited with the new check amount and the bad check is returned to the parent. No purchases may be made from accounts with negative balances.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten families will also use a Family Food Service account for purchasing breakfast and /or lunch. Any time a kindergarten student eats lunch or purchases milk for a bag lunch, the appropriate deduction will be made from the Family Food Service Account. All accounts must be paid and reflect a positive balance for students to be able to make a purchase.

Kindergarten students participate in the Minnesota Kindergarten Milk Program in their classroom. This milk at break time is provided free of charge.

If you have any questions or concerns about your account balance, please feel free to call the Food Service Office at (218) 246-2420 x236.

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HOW OFTEN SHOULD I SEND MONEY?

20 MEALS PER CHILD PER MONTH (Average school days per month)	COST PER CHILD PER MONTH
K-6 (Lunch Daily)	\$32.00
K-6 (Breakfast/Lunch Daily)	\$55.00
7-12(Lunch Daily)	\$37.00
7-12(Breakfast/Lunch Daily)	\$62.00

Decide what your child typically eats each day (lunch only, breakfast and lunch...). If you have: 1 high school student and 2 elementary students typically eating only lunch at school each day you would need:

1 High School Student	\$37.00
2 Elementary Students	<u>\$64.00</u>
<u>Your monthly cost</u>	\$101.00