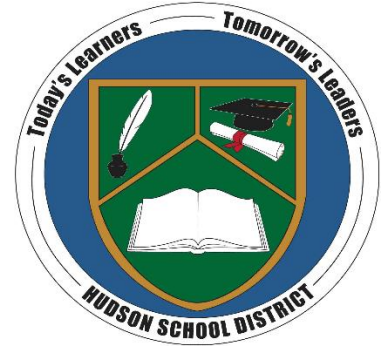


Free Meals Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



1. Who is allowed to get Free Breakfast & Lunch?
Any Hudson student up to age 18
2. Do we need to apply or sign up?
No, it is automatic.
3. Is this for low income families only?
No, it is for any Hudson student up to age 18.
4. My child is learning remotely. Is he/she eligible for free meals?
Yes, you must sign up in advance for the following week at:
https://www.sau81.org/departments/food_service/remote_meals
5. Does my child still have to put in his pin number?
Yes, we are held accountable to the USDA for each meal we serve.
6. Is this for all year?
Yes, until the end of the 2020-2021 school year. (or until federal funds run out)
7. If my student owes money am I still responsible for what is owed?
Yes, any transactions prior to October 14th, 2020 are still owed and should be paid as soon as possible.
8. Will I get refunded the money on my child's account?
 - We recommend leaving money on the account to allow the child to purchase snacks and incidental ala carte for the remainder of the year. (Approx. 140 days left)
 - Any funds left over will roll over to the next year.
 - Funds can be transferred between siblings.
 - Written refund requests will be processed once a month, and at the end of the school year.
 - Funds can be donated to a student in need for snacks and supplemental ala carte.
9. Do I still need to file a meals benefit application?
We highly recommend and encourage everyone to fill out a meals benefit application. It can be found on the Food Service web page www.sau81.org . Other district funding is based on these applications such as; Title 1-family & community, Title 3-ESOL programs, discounts for Internet service, discounts for Summer Rec program, discounts for SAT fees, discounts for other community programs.
10. Will money in the account be used first, before going to free?
No, every student is free from October 14th to the end of the year
11. Will I get reimbursed from the start of school?
No. Meals from Sept 8th to October 13th are not reimbursable by the Federal Govt or the district.