

USDA School Meals Announcement

The USDA has announced the extension of the Summer Food Service Feeding Program until December 31st OR until Federal funds run out.

What does this mean? This will mean that all students in Niles Community Schools will not be charged for Breakfast or Lunch. The meals will be free until December 31st or until Federal funds for the program run out.

Do parents still have to turn in a Free & Reduced application? YES. It is still very important that parents fill out the Free & Reduced paper work for a couple of reasons. 1) This information is critical as the USDA uses this information to determine need. 2) This program may end before December 31st. When this program ends, students will return to full pay if they have not turned in an application. If that happens parents will be responsible for any and all meal charges accrued from the end date of the USDA summer program until the time they turn in a Free & Reduced application.

Are virtual students included? Yes, virtual students are included and will not be charged for breakfast and Lunch. Parents can pick up breakfast and lunch at the Virtual Meal pick up times and sites below.

Can my children that are not enrolled in school get free meals as well? Yes, all children under the age of 18, (or 26 with a disability) can get breakfast and lunch. Parents can pick up breakfast and lunch at the Virtual meal pick up times and sites below.

Does this include a la carte items? No. A la carte items are not included in this program and will be priced normally.

Does this include Milk if my child takes a lunch to school? No. If a student brings a lunch to school and chooses to purchase milk, this will cost .45 cents. Milk is included free however with a school lunch.

Have we charged students for meals already this year? No, students have not been charged for any meals this school year.

Virtual Student Meal Program

Distribution times and locations are below. Meals will be available each scheduled school day.

Ballard EL 2:15pm – 3:00pm

Pick up will be at the north doors of the cafeteria, just past the main entrance.

Howard EL 2:15pm – 3:00pm

Pick up will be in the bus lot on Leet Rd.

Ring Lardner MS 1:15pm - 1:45pm

Pick up will be in the drive through parking lot in front of the building off of 17th St. Distribution will take place just north of the main entrance where the parking lot curves towards the exit.

Eastside 3:30pm-4:15pm

Pick up will be along 14th st on the East side of the road.

Niles High School 1:30pm – 2:15pm

Pick up will be in the bus lot, just passed the loading dock. Parents will enter on 14th St and exit onto 15th st.

*Both Breakfast and lunch will be offered on scheduled school days.

*Parents may pick up for children in their household only. Children do not need to be in the car.

*Parents can only go to one site. If you have Virtual students enrolled in Niles, you will go to the building where your Virtual student is enrolled. If you have Virtual students enrolled in multiple buildings, you go to the building in which your oldest is enrolled.