



## South Park School District

### **2020 Reopening: South Park School District Breakfast & Lunch Questions & Answers**

Welcome back!

Our school cafeterias will have a different look this school year. However, we remain committed to providing great-tasting and nutritious meals this year for all students. Breakfast and lunch will still always be available to students this year, just under the guidelines provided; some of the options and processes are changing to start the year. We may make changes as the year progresses. If and when changes are made, we will update families through email.

#### **What will the dining options be at the start of the school year?**

To help ensure the safety of our students, we have modified our service style to reflect both the state guidelines and the district's health and safety plan. We have made changes with our equipment, labor, menus and packaging to align with each service style.

To start the year, we will not be serving a la carte items. All meals will be served as bagged or boxed lunches that are complete with all components of the National School Lunch Program in all schools. Menus will be posted on [sparksd.org](http://sparksd.org).

If your child has any dietary restrictions or allergies, please contact Food Service Director Brandon Smoker at 412-655-4189 or [brandon.smoker@sparksd.org](mailto:brandon.smoker@sparksd.org).

#### **How and where will students eat this year? How will you ensure a safe dining environment for students?**

By electing to use the hybrid model of learning and limiting overall classroom and building populations, this will allow students to eat all meals in the cafeteria and other alternate overflow areas if necessary. To ensure a safe, socially distant environment, students will be limited to a maximum of 2 per table. Tables will also be spaced apart to allow a safe distance from others. Individual tables or desks may also be utilized. Face coverings must be worn while entering and exiting the cafeteria, students are permitted to remove them when seated to eat and drink. Directional arrows and socially distant markers will be utilized in service areas to direct safe operational flow students.

We will also be limiting the amount of students in the service area. This will allow a safe number of students to make their meal selection.



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Additional hand sanitizer will be available to all students throughout the cafeteria. All tables will be cleaned and sanitized after each use. Cafeteria and custodial staff will be receiving additional instructions and training on cleaning procedures, products, physical distance guidance, workplace hygiene, personal protective equipment, and employee health checks.

### **Will my student have access to school meals for the 2020-2021 year, regardless of whether they are at school or remote learning?**

Yes. Regardless of the whether your student is in the classroom or at home, every student will have meals available for purchase. A Grab-and-Go bagged meal service will be available to all families at the following location:

- South Park High School
- Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- Extra Meals will be provided for non-pick up days
- An online order form for each child must be completed. One form may be completed for the entire month. The deadline to complete the form for next-day meals is at 3 p.m. the prior business day.
- Families will be directed to park in designated spots and call the phone number provided on the spot. This will allow for a contactless delivery of meals.
- The meal pack on Mondays and Wednesdays will each include two breakfasts and two lunches. The meal pack on Friday will include one lunch and one breakfast.
- Meal fees will apply as appropriate. Families who qualify for free meals will not be charged. Families who qualify for reduced-price meals will be charged \$.30 for each breakfast and \$.40 for each lunch. All other families will be charged the full meal price.
- A Grab-and-Go bagged meal service menu will be provided to families. The menu will differ from the published school menus.



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### **Is the district wide free meal for all families still in effect to start the 2020-2021 school year?**

At this time, all South Park families are not able to receive free meals unless they are eligible through the National School Lunch Program. Should this change upon notification by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, we will notify families.

Some families have already begun to receive electronic notifications of free or reduced eligibility. We encourage every family to submit an application for free & reduced meals. Applications are found online at [compass.state.pa.us](http://compass.state.pa.us) or you can download a manual form on South Park's website under the food services tab and clicking on "Free Lunch Program."

Applications are also available at all building main offices, or if you would like one sent to you or for more information, please contact Food Service Director Brandon Smoker at 412-655-4189 [brandon.smoker@sparksd.org](mailto:brandon.smoker@sparksd.org)