



### ***Why Are Meals No Longer Free for the 2022-2023 school year?***

Over the past two years, The Federal Government Allowed all students to eat free regardless of learning environment or family financial situation. However, beginning on the first day of school, August 15, 2022, students will be charged for both breakfast and lunch unless they qualify for free or reduced price meals.

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### ***If I do not submit a free and reduced application prior to the first day of school and/or if my student does not have money in their account, what will happen?***

Montezuma-Cortez School District never takes a reimbursable meal away from a student. Ala-Carte items are not considered reimbursable meals, these items must be paid for at time of purchase. If you have not submitted an application and do not have money in your students account, your students account would go into a negative balance. Families are responsible for paying any outstanding balances.

### ***Do I need to Submit a free and reduced meal application for each school year?***

Yes, you need to complete an application at the beginning of each year. If we don't have an application on file for your student, they will not be included in the 30-day grace period the following year.

### ***I don't qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Do I need to do anything?***

If you do not believe you qualify for free or reduced-price meals, please make sure that there is money in your students account at My *School Bucks.com* on the school's website or by check at your student's school.