

Child Nutrition Services



Back to School
2024—2025

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide nutritious, high quality, cost effective meals that provide students with healthy choices for developing positive life-style decision making.

YOUR GUIDE TO SCHOOL MEALS

CAFETERIA CONTACTS

Allisonville	317-842-0783
Clearwater	317-259-5482
Crooked Creek	317-259-5444
Fox Hill	317-259-5382
Greenbriar	317-259-5493
Nora	317-844-6656
Spring Mill	317-259-5483
Willow Lake	317-280-3705
Eastwood	317-259-5411
Northview	317-259-5430
Westlane	317-259-5410
North Central	317-259-5325

Welcome Back!

The Child Nutrition Team is very excited to welcome you back to our cafeterias!

Washington Township's Child Nutrition Department operates under the USDA federally funded National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs to provide nutritious and appealing meals to students. Every day we offer students a healthy and nutritious meal that consists of fruit, vegetables, grains, protein, and milk. While we know the most nutritious lunch option includes all of the components, we understand that sometimes a student would prefer to decline some offered items. Out of the five components offered, students must take at least three. One of the 3 must be a ½ cup of fruits and/or vegetables.

Exciting news! All Elementary and Middle Schools are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2024-2025 school year. CEP means that ALL students grades **K-8** are eligible to receive healthy breakfasts and lunches daily at **NO CHARGE** to families. Meals for High School students will remain the same. Please see the High School pricing below.

High School Breakfast Prices: \$2.00 (reduced \$0.30)

High School Lunch Prices: \$3.00 (reduced \$0.40)

Free Breakfast & Lunch for Grades K-8

Milk Only (Grades K-12): \$0.50

****Your student must have a positive account balance to purchase snacks/ala carte items/extras.**

If you need assistance covering the cost of school meals at the high school, a meal benefit application will need to be completed and approved. If you were notified that your student was 'directly certified' prior to the start of school you do not need to complete an application for assistance.

LUNCH LINES ARE CASHLESS!

All school cafeterias use a pre-pay meal account system. Washington Township Child Nutrition Services encourages parents/guardians to set up a **FREE** online [MyPaymentsPlus](#) account to pay for meals, extras and a la carte, as well as view student's meal purchase history. [MyPaymentsPlus](#) is the preferred method when submitting funds for student meals.

If you wish to send cash or check please place the money in an envelope marked clearly with your student's name, their ID#, \$ amount and the check number. Elementary students can turn the envelope into their cafeteria or their classroom teacher. Middle and High School students can place their completed envelope in the cash boxes located outside their cafeteria. Deposits made before 10 am will be in their account for lunch.

If cash is provided in the lunch line for purchases, change will not be given back but deposited into the student's meal account for later use.

STUDENT ID CARDS

A Student ID Card is used at the Point of Sale at ALL schools because the following are very important to us:

- ◆ Keeping students moving through the line so they have more time to eat and interact with friends.
- ◆ Being alerted for any known food allergies your student may have.
- ◆ Keeping the student's eligibility status private.
- ◆ Documenting that the student received a meal.

At check out students scan their ID card to access their meal account. Please remind them to have it every day.

CHARGE POLICY: Per USDA guidelines, MSDWT is not allowed to incur bad debt from unpaid meal charges. We recognize that there are circumstances that may cause a student to not have money on their account. Please review the student handbook or visit the Child Nutrition webpage for the specific details of the district's charge policy.

Child Nutrition Services - MSD Washington Township

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

CHILD NUTRITION IS HIRING

Come Join Our Team

Paid Holidays, Free Lunch, Employee Assistance Program, Vision Coverage,
Life Insurance, Tax-Advantage Savings Account, Laundered Uniform Program & more.

[APPLY ON-LINE HERE](#)

NO NIGHTS, NO WEEKENDS, NO HOLIDAYS

Work part-time while your kids are in school!



Need Meal Assistance and Other Educational Benefits?

Free and Reduced Price Meals are available to families who qualify.

- A **new application must be completed every school year** beginning **July 22, 2024**, **unless** you are notified that your student has been pre-approved through Direct Certification or enrolled in a school that is implementing CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) during the 2024-25 school year.
- **Only one (1) Free or Reduced Meal application is required PER FAMILY.**
- Incomplete applications cannot be approved, so please fill out all required information.
- If your family chooses to apply, there are **four** ways to do so:
 - 1-Complete an application online for quick processing. Go to [Meal Assistance Application](#) . Results in 48 hours.
 - 2-Go online to [Child Nutrition Services - MSD Washington Township](#) , scroll down to Meal Application and Instructions in English or Spanish and print to complete. Other languages are available upon request.
 - 3-Pick up a paper application and instructions at any school or the H. Dean Evans Community & Education Center.
 - 4-Call the Child Nutrition office at 317-205-3332, extension 77211 and request that one be mailed to you.
- All completed paper applications can be returned to any school office, cafeteria, faxed to 317-205-3385 or mailed to the H. Dean Evans Community & Education Center, Attention: Child Nutrition, Free and Reduced, 8550 Woodfield Crossing Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46240
- You will be notified by phone, mail or email of your student's status within 10 working days of being processed. **For questions regarding status, please call your school cafeteria.**
- Factors considered in the application process are **household size** and **total household** gross income.
- **HOUSEHOLD SIZE** is considered **all persons, related or unrelated, including parents, children and grandparents who live in your home and share living expenses.**
- The **TOTAL HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME** is the income each household member received last month **before taxes.** This includes wages, social security, pension, unemployment, welfare, child support, alimony, and any other cash income.
- Other determining factors include being a recipient of SNAP (Food Stamps), TANF, FDPIR or Medicaid. **All case numbers will be verified before processing.**
- Foster children are eligible for free meals regardless of household income, however, **an application must be completed for processing.**

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

Food substitutions and/or other reasonable modifications to a student's meal may be necessary to meet the dietary needs of students who meet the USDA definition of a disability. Examples are food intolerances, allergies, or other medical conditions. A medical statement form from a medical authority may be required in order to accommodate a special dietary need to ensure a student is accommodated safely and properly.

Child Nutrition Office

Visit [Child Nutrition Services - MSD Washington Township](#)

Phone: 317.205.3332 , extension 77211

Fax: 317.205.3385

