

# Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools

## Cafeteria FAQ's

### **Where can I get a menu for my child's school?**

You can get a menu from your school secretary, online our [GJPS Website](#) or at the Admin Office, 160 S. Hamilton Road-beside the high school

### **What is the cost of a school lunch/breakfast?**

Breakfast \$1.50 (Reduced .30)

Elementary Lunch \$2.75(Reduced .40)

Middle and High School Lunch \$3.00 (Reduced .40)

### **How can I pay for my child's meals?**

Register for a My Payments Plus account to prepay into your child's meal account online using a credit card, debit card or e-check at [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com).

You may send a check or cash (not encouraged) to school with your student.

### **What happens if my child forgets their lunch money?**

It's highly suggested to **prepay** for meals with a check or use your My Payments Plus account. If your child would forget their lunch money, they may charge 4 meals which would need to be **paid back to the cafeteria**.

### **What is a plate lunch?**

A plate lunch is a well-balanced, nutritious meal based on USDA requirements and contains 5 components including: protein, whole grains, vegetables, fruits and ½ pint of milk.

### **How/When can I apply for free or reduced priced meals?**

Anyone can apply for Free or Reduced Priced Meals at any time during the school year. You can apply using the **online application** at [fnr.gjps.org](http://fnr.gjps.org) .

Paper Applications can also be found at the Welcome Center, at your student's school office, at the Admin Office, 160 South Hamilton Road beside the high school or our [GJPS Website](#) .

### **What is the cost of a la carte snacks? Who can purchase a la carte snacks?**

Each school sells a la carte snacks at a price from .25 up to .75 and may include small salad, fresh fruit, milk, yogurt, baked/reduced fat chips, whole grain cookies, 100% juice, water/flavored water, and/or ice cream products. Each school principal decides the grade level at which students may purchase snacks.

### **What if I don't want my child to purchase extras or ala carte snacks or I want to limit their purchases?**

Call the Child Nutrition Department at 614-478-5531. An alert can be placed on your student's account alerting the cashier of purchase restrictions. Ex: "Student may not purchase snacks" or "Student may purchase snacks only if he/she has cash in hand". The alert is customized to meet each family's request.

**Can I set a spending limit on my child's meal account?**

Yes, please call the Child Nutrition Department at 614-478-5531 and a spending limit can be placed on your student's account.

**What if my child is lactose intolerant?**

Water is available to drink free of charge every day for every student. So your student may drink water instead of milk every day.

**Do you serve food with peanuts or tree nuts?**

Our cafeterias do not serve food with peanuts or tree nuts as ingredients. We do serve food that may have been made in a facility that processes peanuts or tree nuts. Feel free to speak to your student's teacher or principal concerning nut free classrooms or tables in the cafeteria, or food used by teachers in their classroom.

**How long does my child have to eat their lunch?**

The amount of time students have to sit and eat their lunch varies by school. Feel free to contact your student's principal concerning your student. Our cashiers and cooks work hard to ensure the lines moves quickly and smoothly allowing for students to pass quickly through the lunch line.

**Which schools offer breakfast?**

Lincoln High School, Chapelfield, Goshen Lane, Jefferson, Lincoln, Royal Manor, Middle School South, Middle School West. Breakfast includes whole grain rich foods, fruit, fruit juice and milk.

**How do I get my child's PIN number?**

Your student's PIN number is the same number as their Student ID. This number is assigned after your child registers for school. You can obtain this number from your school secretary or by calling the Child Nutrition Department at 614-478-5531. This ID/PIN follows them through all their years in Gahanna Schools.

**Can money be moved from one sibling to another?**

Yes. Please call the Child Nutrition Department at 614-478-5531, Monies can be moved easily between your students.

**Who is cooking for our students and serving them?**

All Child Nutrition staff have Level I Certification in Food Protection. Our cooks have earned the national ServSafe Certification.