



WELCOME TO THE CAFETERIA!

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT CAFETERIA INFORMATION

There is an easy way for your child to purchase food in the cafeteria!

How does it work?

- Every student has an account that can be accessed at breakfast and/or lunchtime.
- Primary student's photos appear by classroom on the screen for quick identification.
- Elementary, Middle and High School students enter their student ID# on a keypad.
- At mealtime, the students account is accessed. If there is money in the account, the purchase is deducted. This eliminates the need for students to carry money to school with them each day.

How do I put money into my child's account?

- Money may be added to an account using your credit or debit card through MyPaymentsPlus.com, an online payment system. Your child's school ID # is required to register into MyPaymentsPlus. Go to the Shaler Area website to read more about MyPaymentsPlus.
- If paying at school, students are encouraged to bring a check, rather than cash, made payable to: **SASD**. All deposits are to be given to the cashier at meal service time or to the homeroom teacher in the morning at the primary and elementary level. Payment then will be entered into the student's account. Money can be deposited any time for any amount - weekly, monthly or annually. The canceled check will serve as your receipt. Please put your child's name in the memo section of the check so the correct account is credited.

What if my child is approved for free or reduced price meals?

- If your child is approved for *FREE meals, the computer will act as if the student has money in the account and will not ask for money. Students are eligible for free breakfast and free lunch.
- For the *REDUCED student, it will recognize this to charge the reduced meal price and deduct it from the student's balance. Students are eligible for reduced breakfast and lunch.

What can my child purchase with account funds?

- Students may purchase any breakfast or lunch food item in the cafeteria if they have money in their account. If the account has a negative balance, only a MEAL may be charged. No A la carte items can be charged!
- Money in the student's account can not be used for snack purchases at the primary level.

What if my child doesn't use all of the money in the account?

- Any leftover money in a student's account will follow them to the next grade. Graduating students will receive any remaining balance or will be transferred to a sibling account upon request after their last day of school.

THE BENEFITS:

- You know where your money is going.
- Only food items can be purchased.
- You don't have to hassle with spare change each day.
- Eliminates overt identification of the *FREE and *REDUCED students.
- Since less cash is handled, serving lines will move much faster.
- Keeps track of each student's meal history of what they have purchased for parent inquiries.
- Low balance notes will be emailed home as a reminder that more funds are needed (at the primary level only). Elementary, Middle and High School students owing more than negative \$5 will receive an IOU letter either in the mail or by email.

What do you do?

- It's easy! Your child already has an account set up at his/her building.

