

Dear Parents,

You may be wondering a few things about how your Eastmont Food Service Department is welcoming students back to school! Here are a few answers for you:

Why is my student bringing home bags of food?

The meals in the bag taken home are to replace the meals your student would have eaten at school! Most days the bag will have 2 breakfast meals and one lunch meal. One breakfast and lunch are for the virtual day of school and the other breakfast is for their next on campus day of school. Some days, the bag will have an extra breakfast and/or lunch customized for student's A/B schedule. If your student has 2 on campus days in a row, they will get an extra breakfast since they will have lunch at school. If your student has 2 virtual days in a row they will get an extra breakfast and lunch to enjoy at home.

Do they have to take the bag of food?

No, students have a choice to accept the grab and go bag. At elementary schools, they are delivered to classrooms just before dismissal. At intermediate and secondary schools, they are distributed at exit points. The meals are free and counted on a tally sheet or roster. No names or ID numbers are needed.

Why is the food sent home cold?

This is for your convenience and food safety. Make sure the cold items are placed in the refrigerator as soon as your student gets home. All items have been pre-cooked and need to be reheated at home. Remove item from packaging, place on baking sheet or oven safe pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 - 12 minutes or until food reaches 165 degrees.

How much does this cost?

All breakfast and lunch meals are free for all students during the 2020-21 school year. Eastmont has been approved to operate under the Summer Food Service Program for this school year due to the ongoing pandemic.

What about school breakfast?

Breakfast will not be served on campus. Students can get a grab and go bag to enjoy breakfast at home. Breakfast is typically an entrée, juice and a milk.

What about school (on campus) lunch?

A lunch is served to students attending classes on campus. The lunch consists of an entrée, vegetable, fruit and milk. Students must take the entire meal. The meal is served free to all students. Please do not send money to school with your student. Menus are posted on the district website under Departments/Food Services/Food Service Menus.

Can my student buy just a milk?

No, not this school year.

My student didn't get a bag today!

Chances are that your student will be in school on back to back days. The kitchen staff sent an extra breakfast earlier in the week for your student so we could eliminate sending a bag home with only a breakfast meal. This way we conserve labor costs and resources.

Will my student need to know their ID# or have a Lunch Card?

No, we are operating with no contact right now. All students eat free and will be counted by an adult on either a roster, tally sheet, or using a computer. We ask that your student stays in the line (of course socially distant) and makes sure that the adult has marked them off.

What happened to the curbside pickup?

The curbside pickup will be suspended once we bring secondary students back on campus. We are working on offering an option for EVA and other virtual learning students. Please contact Food Services at 509-884-3026 or food.service.office@eastmont206.org if you are interested in this option.

If meals are free why do I need to apply for free or reduced-price meals?

A free or reduced-price student is also eligible for certain fee waivers and other benefits. Also, some school funding is determined in part based on the number of qualified students attending.