

Attleboro Food Service: Whitsons Parent/Guardian Information Letter 2016

School meals are a healthy option, a great value and a huge convenience for busy families! We look forward to welcoming your children to the cafeteria.



What's on the Menu?

You can check out all of our menus and offerings at: www.whitsons.com/attleboro.

All nutrition and allergen information is provided through interactive menus online.

We offer a variety of meal choices and Smart Snack options that meet NSLP (National School Lunch Program), HHFKA (Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act) and state nutrition guidelines and are analyzed and approved by a Registered Dietitian.

School Breakfast?

We serve breakfast everyday at all the schools in Attleboro. It is quick, easy and convenient. Having a balanced school breakfast can improve student focus and prepare them for a day of learning. **Remember, breakfast is available everyday for every student and meal benefits apply for lunch and breakfast.**



MySchoolBucks.com for Online Meal Payments

MySchoolBucks.com is available for online pre-payments and [free student meal account access](#).

The district uses an online computer system to account for meal purchases and transactions. This system allows you to pay in advance for meals for a small processing fee (\$2.50) or view student meal account balances/transactions for FREE. The system can be found at WWW.MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM.



Make payments on the go!

Download the NEW Myschoobucks APP For Free at any App store!

Apply for Free & Reduced Priced Meals at your student's school (Includes breakfast and lunch)

Applications can be found at the main office of your child's school or on the Food and Nutrition webpage. Please turn in all applications to the main office of your child's school. **REMINDER: A NEW application needs to be filled out each school year or benefits will expire. Please allow 10 days for processing and notification.** If the application is approved, your child will receive free or reduced price meals for the remainder of the current school year. There is no discrimination or over identification for students that receive meal benefits. All computer meal transactions are the same for all students.



Whole Grain Cookies will be served at Elementary Schools every Thursday starting **September 8th**! Only \$1.00!

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Attleboro Food Service: Frequently Asked Questions



Students attending the Attleboro Public Schools may purchase meals in one of three ways:

1) Middle School & High School Students may use cash to pay for meals and present it to the cashier at the time of purchase. For elementary level students please send checks only. PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME IN THE MEMO LINE ON THE CHECK.

2) Pre-paying via check. Please make a check payable to the "Attleboro School Lunch Program." This can be mailed to the Central Office at 100 Rathbun Willard Drive Attleboro, MA 02703 with ATTENTION: Whitsons or can be given to the cashier at the school. PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME IN THE MEMO LINE ON THE CHECK.

3) Pre-pay online using a credit card via MySchoolBucks.com*. MySchoolBucks.com allows you to see your child's current balance, view a list of their lunch transactions for the previous 30 days, and even activate a "low balance alert" system that will send you an email every time your child's balance drops below a pre-determined level you choose! (Please note: low balance alert emails are not automatic unless you request them in your MySchoolBucks.com profile.)

*(MySchoolBucks.com charges a \$2.50 fee each time you deposit money onto your child's account. The fee is collected by MySchoolBucks to cover the credit card fees associated with a purchase.) PLEASE NOTE MYSCHOOLBUCKS IS FREE TO ACCESS YOUR STUDENTS ACCOUNT, CHARGES ONLY OCCUR WHEN YOU MAKE A PAYMENT

** What can my student purchase using a pre-paid account?*

Students can purchase anything the cafeteria sells using their pre-paid account - lunch, breakfast, milk, snacks, water, etc.

** Are students able to purchase meals if I send them with a lunch from home? Do they have a student meal account even if they do not use it?*

Yes, students can purchase at any time. All students are given a lunch account when they are registered for school. When students come up to the register to make a purchase all students enter their PIN number or use a SCAN CARD (Grades K-2) and the cashier asks the student for their name. If the student does not know their PIN number we are able to look them up by first and last name. Then the account is verified with the student's photo for each purchase.

** How can I make restrictions on my student's account?*

Parents make a la carte, meal and spending limit restriction by filling out the Opt-Out Form and send it to the Central Office, ATTENTION: Whitsons 100 Rathbun Willard Drive Attleboro, MA 02703. The Opt-Out Form can be downloaded from the District Website. Click on the "Student" area in red on the right hand side of the homepage and then click on "School Meals" on the right hand side. The Opt-Out Form is below the contact information on the left hand side.

** How and why do students enter their PIN numbers when purchasing food in the school cafeteria?*

All students purchasing food in the cafeteria enter their pin number at the register. Grades K - 2 will be provided with a SCAN CARD. Assigning each transaction to a particular student has several advantages. First, it provides accountability. Secondly, the pin number allows the cashier to identify each student. Having all students enter their pin number allows for confidentiality for students receiving meal benefits. Third, it allows parents to set up an online account and monitor their student's lunch purchases.



We look forward to serving your child and hope their cafeteria memories are always happy and healthy ones.

