

I wanted to follow up yesterday's announcement with a couple clarifications. Every student is welcomed to have a breakfast or a lunch for free until December 31st or until the federal dollars runs out. This applies to a full reimbursable meal and not extras or ala carte items. The two clarifications are:

1. **Does this apply to Penta students?**--This depends on Penta and their decision to apply for this benefit. It is unknown at this time if they will look into this program.

2. **What Is A Reimbursable Meal?**--A reimbursable meal is mandated by USDA and every school participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program must offer certain components to students every day. As long as the school participates in Offer vs. Serve, students do not have to take every component offered. Below are the component requirements set by USDA based on meal and grade.

Breakfast

KG – 12th Grade

Fruit – 1/2 cup

Grains - 1 oz

Milk - 1 cup

For breakfast, each plate must have at least 3 items and 1 item must be a fruit. 4 items must be offered to students each breakfast.

Lunch

KG - 8th Grade

Fruit - 1/2 cup

Vegetables – 1/2 cup

Meat/Meat Alternate - 1oz

Milk - 1 cup

9th - 12 Grade

Fruit – 1/2 cup

Vegetables – 1/2 cup

Grains - 2 oz

Meat/Meat Alternate - 2 oz

Milk - 1 cup

For lunch, each plate must have at least 3 components and 1 component must be a fruit or vegetable to be counted as reimbursable. If the plate does not contain these items, the student will be charged ala carte pricing.

Thanks for the questions as it helps us to send out clarification emails to our families.

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