

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that all children attending Des Moines Public Schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** each day of the 2020-2021 school year.

Des Moines Public Schools is participating in the extension of U.S.D.A.’s Summer Food Service Program which extends eligibility requirements as well as additional provisions of the traditional summer service. This special exception from U.S.D.A. may not continue after this current school year is completed. At this time, there is no further action required of you to receive meals at no cost.

However, please understand that each student must select certain food items deemed by the U.S.D.A. to be part of a healthy meal. Our staff will be available to help them make those selections.

As we transition the entire Des Moines Public School District back to a hybrid model, we will also be transitioning our schools to serving student meals differently. We are excited to continue to offer healthy breakfasts and lunches to students on days that your child is learning in school, learning virtually and on the weekends.

As your child leaves the building, they will receive a bag with meals for consumption for the days they are not at the school. These meals will be packaged together in a single bag for easy transport. Guidelines for food safety and reheating instructions will be included and can also be found on the Des Moines Public Schools webpage.

* **Students in Cohort A may receive 2 meals on Monday for suggested consumption for Thursday and Friday.**
* **Students in Cohort A may receive 2 meals on Tuesday for suggested consumption for Saturday and Sunday.**
* **Students in Cohort B may receive 2 meals on Thursday for suggested consumption for Saturday and Sunday.**
* **Students in Cohort B may receive 2 meals on Friday for suggested consumption for Monday and Tuesday.**

When your child is in school on Wednesday, they will be served breakfast and lunch.

If you would like to opt out of receiving these healthy, no cost meals, please call our Central Nutrition Center at 515-242-7636. If you decide not to receive this benefit and change your mind later, please call us back. We would love to add your child back on the list.

We look forward to continuing to provide healthy, nutritious meals for your students no matter what learning modality you have selected for your family. Please reach out to our Central Nutrition Center at 515-242-7636 for any additional questions or concerns.

U.S.D.A. is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Sincerely,

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