

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES

Newton County School System has elected to continue providing no cost (free) meals via the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for school year 2023-2024. CEP allows the school system to provide meals at no cost (free) to students in schools located in low-income areas, as determined by the USDA. Seventeen schools were eligible to participate in the CEP based on the USDA criteria including a feasibility assessment. All students in these schools will receive meals at no charge, and parents will not have to complete a school meal application to determine eligibility to receive no cost (free) or reduced meals.

Based on eligibility requirements and feasibility assessment results, five schools are categorized as non-CEP. These schools are as follows: East Newton, Mansfield, Theme School, Eastside and Alcovy High. It is important to know that Pre-K and other students who attend these schools may still be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Parents must complete an application, which may be obtained at any cafeteria or online (<https://newton.strataapps.com>) the week of open house. All parents at these five schools are encouraged to complete the school meal application, as the school system's goal is to ensure that every family receives support and/or assistance in accordance to the USDA guidelines. Families who need assistance completing the school meal application or have questions should call the school nutrition department at (770) 788-3120 or email Mitch Bradford at Bradford.mitch@newton.k12.ga.us.

Nutritious breakfasts and lunches are available each day for students, staff, and guests. Planned menus offer a variety of foods that are attractive and appetizing to children, and at the same time, meet the strict nutritional requirements set by federal and state rules and/or regulations. Each school offers meal choices in compliance with Offer versus Serve Federal regulations and a la carte food choices that meet the Smart Snack criteria as defined by applicable federal and state rules and/or regulations. The School Nutrition department's website showcases monthly menus appropriate for each grade-level and school.

MEAL PRICES FOR 2023-2024

BREAKFAST PRICES

All Students enrolled in CEP Schools-Free \$0.00 per day.

Full Price \$1.00 (**\$1.25 Secondary**) & per 2nd meal

Adults (Staff) \$2.25 per day

LUNCH PRICES

All Students enrolled in CEP Schools-Free \$0.00 per day.

Full Price \$2.10 (**\$2.30 Secondary**) & per 2nd meal

Adults (Staff) \$3.75 per day

OFFER VS. SERVE/REIMBURSABLE MEALS Newton County School District plans to offer versus serve free meals to in-person learners (**Note: Self-paced virtual learners have access for meal pick-up at their based schools during scheduled in-person meal service times**).

Participating students can choose from several choices of meals for breakfast. Students do not have to take all the items offered; however, they must select a minimum number of items to make a full meal (also known as a reimbursable meal). At breakfast, students must select at least three of the four items offered. At lunch, students must select food choices from at least three of the five meal components (fruits, vegetables, meat/meat alternates, grains, and milk) offered to have a reimbursable meal. At breakfast and lunch, at least one of the items or components selected must be a ½-cup serving of fruit or vegetable for the meal to be a reimbursable meal. Any student who does not select the minimum number of items required for a reimbursable meal including the required ½-cup fruit or vegetable are required to pay a la carte prices for all items. For more information on how to choose a reimbursable meal, visit the School Nutrition Menu webpage at www.newtonschoolnutrition.org then go to menu.

CHARGE POLICY

Our Charge Policy for Non-CEP school stakeholders is published on the Menu page at www.newtonschoolnutrition.org.

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(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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