



## USDA Announces Free Food Service for Students

On August 31, 2020, USDA released nine nationwide waivers extending flexibilities for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO). With these waivers, Sponsors can choose to operate the Summer Food Service Program or Seamless Summer Option through December 2020 or until Federal money is no longer available, whichever is sooner. USD 353 submitted an application and it was approved this week. This means all school meals will be free for ALL USD 353 students until December 2020 or the Federal money runs out.

We will keep USD 353 families informed as more updates are available and give timely notice when we have to start charging for meals again.

Additionally, we have attached a Food Service FAQ sheet below with some helpful information.

If you have any questions regarding the free meal services, please contact Kelly Adams at [kadams@usd353.com](mailto:kadams@usd353.com)

If you have any questions regarding the logistics of the food service program in your student(s) school that are not answered on the attached FAQ sheet, please contact your student(s) school.



# Food Service FAQ

**Here are some frequently asked questions regarding food service. We will update this document online as information becomes available. Note: This is general information regarding food service. The logistics will be different at each school. Please contact your student(s) school if you have any questions or need further details.**

Q. Will lunch still be served if the schools are operating in a hybrid or remote phase?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the plan for food service in the hybrid phase?

- A. -AM students' breakfast will be served as grab and go to the classroom or in a commons area. Lunch will be grab and go to take with them home.
- PM students' lunch will be grab and go to the classroom. They will also be able to take home breakfast for the next day.
- On Wednesdays when all students are learning from home remotely food service will be from 11:30am-12:50pm. Wellington High School will serve as the pick up location.

The logistics for food service will look different at each school. Please check with your school if you need further details.

Q. What is the plan for food service if the schools shut down and we go remote ?

- A. Wellington High School will serve as the pick up location for all lunches if USD 353 goes to completely remote learning. We will send out information on this if the need arises.

Q. Will food service be available for students who opted to stay home and learn remotely? How will that work?

- A. Wellington High School will serve as the pick up location for all remote learners from 10:00-10:20 daily. This will be a drive-thru process.

Q. Does my child have to eat lunch at school if they are only going a half day?



- A. No. Your child is able to eat at home before or after school if they prefer.
- Q. Can my child bring a sack lunch from home in the hybrid phase?
- A. Please check with your student(s) school.
- Q. Will students be eating in their classrooms?
- A. Whenever possible, students will be eating in their classrooms or socially distanced in common areas. All meals will be grab and go and portable.
- Q. What safety precautions are being taken regarding food service?
- A. All meals are pre-packaged. There will be no students serving themselves. Students will be eating in small groups instead of a large gathering area while we are in the hybrid model.
- Q. Can I come and eat lunch with my student this year?
- A. No. We are limiting the number of visitors in our schools. If restrictions are lifted, we will let people know when they can eat lunch again with their student(s).
- Q. Where can I find school lunch menus?
- A. <https://usd353.nutrislice.com/>
- Q. Are all meals free to students?
- A. Yes, until December 2020 or the Federal money runs out.
- B. Please fill out the Free/Reduced Lunch Application for school fees and for when the Federal money runs out.

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