## **Nazareth Independent School District**



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## NAZARETH ISD Cafeteria Meal CHARGE POLICY 2024-2025

We serve nutritious meals designed to meet the varied tastes of our customers. We encourage students, staff, and community members to come eat with us at the Naz Cafeteria.

MEAL PRICES	STUDENTS	ADULTS
Breakfast	\$2.50 full price, PK-12	\$3.75
	\$0.30 reduced price	
Lunch	\$4.00 for pre-K through 5 <sup>th</sup> ; \$4.40 for 6th-12 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$5.25
	\$0.40 reduced price	
Entrees	\$1.75 or cost, as 2nds; \$2.50 as entrée only	\$3.00
Drinks/side dishes	\$0.50 to \$1.00 per item not with a meal; may be charged	
Snacks	\$0.50 to \$0.75, cash only, not always available	

Menu items served after the point-of-service are considered a la carte and are not part of the reimbursable meal.

Meal payments may be made by students or parents <u>in advance</u> by bringing or mailing to the Administration Office or to the cafeteria. <u>Online payments</u> and low balance alerts may be set up through <u>www.myschoolbucks.com</u>; you will need your child's student ID number to set up online accounts. <u>Cash payments</u> may be made at the <u>end of the serving line</u>. Meals or food items may be <u>charged and billed</u> to the household. If a student owes more than \$45.00, a) 2<sup>nd</sup> entrees may not be charged and b) choice of entrée is <u>limited to the option of less cost</u>. This policy is in place to meet federal, state, and local quidelines.

Students may charge as needed, but all negative accounts need to be paid on monthly and paid-in-full by the end of each semester. Statements are sent out twice monthly for negative balances.

In compliance with federal non-discrimination guidelines, all households receive a copy of this Application Packet. However, only one application per household is needed if your household is applying for benefits.

If your household is eligible for free or reduced price meals based on your application, the effective date is the date the completed application is approved by the reviewing official—usually the day it is received. If your household is deemed eligible for free or reduced meals based on participation in a categorical program (SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, FDPIR, Migrant, Foster, Homeless), the effective date is the date when reviewed and approved by the reviewing official; if you do not receive a letter from school prior to August 14<sup>th</sup>, or transfer in later in the year, please submit an application indicating your categorical program status.

Our cashier and kitchen staff strive to recognize your child by name. The cashier is stationed at the end of the serving line, determines if the meal is reimbursable (must take a fruit or a vegetable plus two other components), and counts the meal by category. Students will use a keypad system and so will learn/retain their individual account numbers. Meals may be delivered to ISS; these meals are pre-packaged by school nutrition staff to ensure that proper serving sizes, vegetable subgroups, and other requirements are met.

For field trips, please request bagged lunches at least one day in advance. Likewise, if your student is Distance Learning, please request take-out meals in advance; all meals will be available at the same price as inperson attendance.