



## Update on Free Meals

September 3, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

At 4:26 pm August 31, 2020, the Black River Falls School District received knowledge that USDA provided an extension of the summer food service program. All waivers were extended through December 31, 2020. This would provide FREE MEALS to all children in our community who are 18 years old or younger. Schools have a choice to participate in this program or not. The Black River Falls Nutrition Team has signed a contract to provide this benefit to our families in Jackson County. USDA has made it clear that the USDA Food and Nutrition Services reserves the right to withdraw any or all of these waivers subject to available funding. This would result in the Black River Falls returning meals to a paid or benefit eligible meal at that time. All meals are intended for children that are attending school virtually and for children in the community that do not otherwise have access to breakfast or lunch provided by schools or day cares.

Students that bring a cold lunch and would like to purchase a beverage or would like to have an additional beverage throughout the day will be charged \$0.50 for their purchase. USDA only allows FREE BREAKFAST and LUNCH when a reimbursable meal is accepted. Students must take the complete meal or a charge will be made to your family account.

Face to Face Student Breakfast, All meals are provided in the classroom. Lunch, All meals are provided in the cafeteria.

Fully Virtual Students, if you are interested in free meals through the school, you will need to fill out the google document on the school website. Once you have signed up, you will be provided with a bag containing breakfast and lunch for each day of the following week, up to 5 days. You will be able to pick up these meals on Wednesday at the high school from 4:00-6:00pm. Once signed up, only contact us if you no longer request services. You will pull up to the loading area and provide the staff with the number of child meal(s) you are picking up for. (FNS is continuing to wave requirements allowing parents/guardians to pick up meals and bring them home to their children) The nutrition team will hand you the bags and you will place in your car.

For children in the community 18 years old or younger, Please contact Joleen Gilbertson at 715-284-4357 ext 1102 and provide her with the requested number of meals you will be needing. The meal pick

up and procedures will be the same as for virtual students.

The dates of weekly pickups are as follows:

September 16, 23, 30

October 7, 14, 21, 28

November 4, 11, 18

Dec 2, 9, 16

No meals will be provided for November 24-27<sup>th</sup> or December 23-31, or for dates that school is not scheduled to be in session or cancelled for inclement weather. Notifications will be provided if changes to the schedule are made via school messenger. The nutrition team reserves the right to make adjustments to the program or schedule as they see fit to the benefit of the program for all that participate. More communication will be provided regarding programs available in January. If you have any additional questions, comments or concerns, please contact Connie Seiber Nutrition Services Supervisor at 715-284-4357 ext 1209

Sincerely,

Connie M Seiber DTR CD  
Nutrition Service Supervisor

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