

# *Grainger County Department of Education*

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## **SCHOOL NUTRITION CHARGE POLICY**

**Grainger County has been approved to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2025-2026 school term. Under this provision (CEP), all students will receive one free breakfast and one free lunch.**

1. All students have cafeteria account numbers and may prepay into their account anytime. The account will be used for ala cart items or second meals. Students use their four-digit student ID number to access their accounts in the cafeteria. Questions concerning School Nutrition policies should be directed to the school nutrition supervisor at (865) 828-3775. Students **may not** use another student's account.
2. It is recommended that parents send money to their child's account to pay for extras or a second meal. Payments can be made online at ***LINQConnect.com*** or money can be sent directly to the school cafeteria.
3. A La Carte food items (extras) or a second meal cannot be charged.
4. Students may still have an existing negative balance carried over from previous years. These charges are NOT erased. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure these charges are cleared by the end of the previous school year.
5. The cafeteria manager will notify the parent/guardian by phone and/or send a note to the student specifying the amount charged and the dates of charges. Each cafeteria has a history of all breakfasts, lunches, A La Carte items, etc. purchased or charged by the student.
6. ALL charges must be paid by December 1 and May 1 of the school year.
7. All students must check with the cafeteria if leaving school for any reason (transferring schools, dropping out, becoming homebound, etc.) and pay if charges exist in the cafeteria.

### **SCHOOL MEAL PRICES: Breakfast and Lunch – FREE TO ALL STUDENTS**

Breakfast for adults/visitors - \$2.50    Lunch for adults/visitors - \$4.00

Lunch – PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> - \$2.00    4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> - \$2.25    9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> - \$2.50

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1. Visit our website: Go to ***linqconnect.com***
2. Create an account
3. Add funds to student account