

Ruidoso Municipal School Food Service Information

The Ruidoso Municipal School participates in the National School Lunch Program. Meals are prepared and served daily to Ruidoso School students. These meals are designed to 1/3 of the average child's daily nutritional requirements. Ruidoso Municipal Schools is committed to providing nourishing meals to all students wanting our services.

How does my child qualify for free or reduced lunch?

Applications for Free and Reduced Meals must to be updated every year. In order to qualify for the current school year, you must re-apply, even if you qualified last year. If you qualified last school year, you will be pre-qualified for the first **30 days** of school **only**. Please submit the application form as soon as possible. Each child will be provided with an application form to bring home and Free or Reduced applications can now be **filled out on-line** at <http://www.ruidososchools.org/district-nutrition.asp> Additional forms are available from your school office. Ruidoso Municipal Schools audits 3% of all applications on a yearly basis in order to comply with USDA audit requirements. These applications are selected at random starting in October of each year.

How do I pay for school lunches?

Each campus in the Ruidoso School District uses "FastLane" a point of sale system that allows the cafeteria to operate more efficiently and enable improved record keeping. When your student is enrolled an account is set up for them so that he/she can purchase lunch without having cash everyday. You may deposit as much or as little as you would like into your students account. When he/she enters the cafeteria, the student chooses what he/she wants to buy and proceeds to the cashier station. Each student is given an identification number that is entered into the computer at the end of the line. This will bring up the student's account on the screen. The cashier will key in what the student selected. The computer will calculate the balance and the student just goes to their seat to enjoy their lunch. For security the computer records what is purchased and will prompt the cashier if a pin number was entered more than once.

****Reminder:** notices are printed every two weeks and given to students when their account balance reaches less than \$1.00. **

Even those students paying cash will need to enter their identification number so the cafeteria can track meals to comply with federal guidelines. You have an option of paying cash each day. However, the point of sale system and the lunch line move more quickly when each student has an account.

On-line payments

Ruidoso School District now offers **Mealpay Plus** (www.mealpayplus.com) a new service that provides parents with the opportunity to pay for student meals via the internet or telephone. Parents no longer have to worry about forgetting to give their children money for the cafeteria or worry about their losing it!

The MealpayPlus payment system allows families to:

- * Access the system 24/7
- * View account balances and payment history
- * Split payments for multiple students in one or more schools
- * Receive confirmations of payments and low balance reminders via e-mail
- * Deposit funds using a Visa/Master Card or Debit Card
- * Receive Live Chat or toll-free support from friendly and courteous staff
- * Stop worrying about lost or forgotten lunch money

With **MealpayPlus**, money can be deposited into individual student accounts by phone or the Internet through an e-check or by using debit or credit cards. A small convenience fee of 4.75% per transaction is charged for using this service. The convenience fee is paid directly to **MealpayPlus** and is used to cover credit card and other payment processing fees and is not collected by the school district.

Fast, secure, convenient...Get started today!

To take advantage of the service Online:

1. Your child's student ID number.
 - If you do not know the Student ID,***
 - ***Call 877-237-0946***
2. Visit the MealpayPlus website (www.mealpayplus.com/).
3. Click the "Register a Free account" button.
4. Follow the onscreen directions to set up your account.
5. Deposit funds to your child's account using the secure Web site.

If you prefer to use MealpayPlus via Telephone:

1. Call (866) 215-8467 to enroll and make your payment over the phone.

We encourage you to visit www.mealpayplus.com or call (866) 215-8467 to take advantage of this service. Of course, parents may continue to pay for their child's meals directly at school in the cafeteria by check or cash. If you have payment processing questions or concerns, you may call (877) 237-0946.

Can my child charge a meal?

Ruidoso School's policy on charged meals is to let the student charge no more than 5 lunches. If the charges approach this limit the school will notify guardians and collection processes will take place.

Both Ruidoso High and Ruidoso Middle School have adopted a "NO CHARGE" policy, which prevents students from charging school lunch or breakfast.

IF A STUDENT HAS MONEY IN THEIR ACCOUNT IT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST DAY. IF THE STUDENT HAD PRIOR CHARGES THAT WERE NOT PAID OVER THE SUMMER THEY WILL ALSO BE ON THE STUDENTS ACCOUNT.**

How much are school lunches?

Elementary*	Student Breakfast	Free
	Adult Breakfast	\$2.00
	Student Lunch	\$2.00
	Student Lunch Reduced	\$.40
	Adult Lunch	\$3.00
	Milk	\$.50

Secondary*	Student Breakfast	\$1.00
	Student Breakfast Reduced	\$.25
	Adult Breakfast	\$2.00
	Student Lunch	\$2.25
	Student Lunch Reduced	\$.40
	Adult Lunch	\$3.00

***These prices are subject to change**

If you have any questions please call the Food Service Office, at 575-630-7993 or e-mail at foodservice@ruidososchools.org