



IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NUTRITION SERVICES

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Nutrition Services Department is excited to share that the United States Department of Agriculture announced that they will reimburse school districts for free meals to all students, regardless of income, for the 2021-22 school year. This means **ALL** IUSD students will receive FREE MEALS throughout the next school year.

Please note that Nutrition Services will continue to charge students full-price for an additional second meal or for a la carte items.

Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications

While meals are free for all students, families are still encouraged to complete a free or reduced-price meal application to ensure your students receive additional benefits to which they may be entitled. If approved, these applications may qualify families for Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Cards issued by the State of California, discounted college application fees, discounted Advanced Placement (AP) test fees, discounted school events, and discounted utilities through gas, electricity, internet, or phone providers. These applications also benefit schools by providing increased funding through the Local Control Funding Formula, including funding for support staff, computers and other technology.

The application for free or reduced-price meals is available online by visiting the Parent Portal at my.iusd.org

and clicking on the orange Titan icon  or at family.titank12.com. The fastest and easiest way to apply for meal benefits is through our online application. If you choose to complete a paper application, these are available in the Nutrition Services office (3387 Barranca Parkway, Irvine), your school's office, and the District Office (5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine).

Health and Safety Planning

We want to assure families that Nutrition Services is taking extra steps to help ensure that our students' experience with us is healthy and safe, following all Federal, State and County guidelines for school food service. This includes:

- At this point, due to current regulations, all salad bars will continue to be closed during the 2021-22 school year. However, students will be served an array of fresh fruit and vegetables packaged by our Central Kitchen and local produce company.
- No change will be given in our cafeterias at any grade level. All extra monies will be deposited to students' accounts.
- Our staff is continuously being trained on the most updated cleaning and sanitizing regulations as they become available.

IUSD.org/nutrition will be updated regularly with current information. Please check back regularly.

Nutrition Services looks forward to providing healthy and nutritious meals and snacks to our students in the new school year.

Sincerely,

Jill Hartstein, M.S., R.D.
Director, Nutrition Services

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