

SOUTHMORELAND FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT



2018-2019 Meal Prices:
Our prices haven't changed this year!

Breakfast: \$1.25 Paid, FREE for Reduced
Lunch SPC/SES: \$2.15 Paid, \$.40 Reduced
Lunch SMS/SHS: \$2.40 Paid, \$.40 Reduced

Secure On-Line Deposits
Set It & Forget It Automatic Payments
Transaction History & Account Balance Reports
Low-Balance E-mail Notification

Additional information and full instructions at www.southmoreland.net, click on Food Services.

A service fee applies when making payments but there is no fee for using the other on-line services. Southmoreland does not receive any of the fees.

Paying for School Meals

Southmoreland School District uses a computerized point-of-sale system to process students' purchases in the school cafeterias. A declining-balance account is created for each student when they are registered with the district. Parents/guardians are expected to deposit funds as needed and maintain a positive account balance for purchases.

An account balance is not needed if your family is eligible and approved for free school meals, though you may wish to provide some funds for occasional a la carte purchases.

Ensuring that your children have money in their account before the start of the school year gives you one less thing to worry about on that hectic first morning. You can check your child's account balance and make payments at www.MySchoolBucks.com.

You are also welcome to make payments to your child's meal account by check. If you prefer to pay by check, please send payments to school with your child. Checks are made payable to Southmoreland Cafeteria Fund. If you have more than one child attending the same building, you may send one check with instructions as to how much goes into each child's account. If you know the account ID number(s), please include it on the check. If you have children attending different buildings, please send one check per child per building. We cannot split one check between students in different buildings.

We recommend you avoid sending large cash amounts to school for prepayments. Cash deposits that get lost between your home and the school cafeteria cannot be refunded. Please consider sending a check or paying on-line as safer forms of payment.

Myschoolbucks.com also provides **free low-balance email alerts**. Please take a moment to sign up for this convenient and helpful feature. **It is not necessary to make on-line payments to receive low-balance alerts.**



FREE AND REDUCED MEALS

Please apply online for Free and Reduced meals at www.schoolcafe.com

MENU

Posted monthly on Food Service Website

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS/ALLERGIES

Please see our website at the address noted throughout for instructions on proceeding with special dietary requests.

Account Notes



If you choose to do so, a note can be added to your student's account to control spending or food selections. If no restrictions have been requested, students are permitted to purchase extra food items so long as they have money available in their accounts.

The items available for purchase vary by school. SES, SMS and SHS students are able to purchase a la carte components of the school meals as well as additional snack and beverage items that meet USDA's Smart Snacks standards.

We are happy to help you monitor your child's selections as best as we are able. If you requested a restriction in the past, that restriction has been maintained for the new school year. To limit unwanted purchases, please email any new requests to us at

caponev@southmoreland.net or ellenbergerg@southmoreland.net

and include the following information in the order as listed:

- Child's name, school, and student ID number (if known)
- Parent/Guardian's name and phone number
- Restriction or note to be attached to your child's account

Employees will help your child make selections that respect the parameters established. Your request needs to be such that a determination can be made by a quick, visual inspection of your child's choices. For instance, notes such as "no breakfast" or "chocolate milk only on Fridays" are appropriate restrictions that are easily enforced. "Chocolate milk once each week" is a request that we cannot honor as it requires more information than staff have immediately available.

We will contact you if we have any questions about your request.

FORGOT YOUR LUNCH MONEY???



A hungry child won't be successful in the classroom, therefore, students are able to charge meals to their accounts if they run out of funds. Don't worry! Your student will never be denied lunch while at Southmoreland.

This is how we manage student debts:

- Students are **not** permitted to charge a la carte items such as bottled water, snacks, or extra entrees.
- In conjunction with the passing of Act 55 by the Pennsylvania legislature in 2017, school districts are now required to notify parents when negative school lunch balances reach 5 or more meals.
- The Food Service Department will send negative student account balances to parents/guardians via phone, text, letters and/or email messages. Messages to negative balance households will be sent a minimum of one time per week.
- Food Service Staff will personally contact parents/guardians when debts accumulate to a larger sum owed.
- Students will never be denied a meal, and a lunch tray will never be taken away from a student.
- The Food Service Office will work with counselors, principals, and the parents/guardians to avoid excessive charges and to support the repayment of meal debts.
- The full charge policy is available at www.southmoreland.net under Food Service.