

FREE MEALS Q&A

1. How are students getting free meals?

* The USDA extended a waiver that allows all children to eat for free during the COVID shutdowns that began in March 2020.

2. What about the money already on student accounts?

* The money stays in their account. At this time the waiver is only extended until December 31, 2020 or until funding runs out. Beginning January 1, 2021 (or when funding runs out) all families will go back to being charged based on their free/reduced/paid status.

3. What is the cost to purchase additional items?

* Extra milks cost \$.40

* Students who bring a lunch from home & want a milk, cost is \$.40

* 2nd breakfast cost for MS/HS \$1.80

* 2nd lunch cost at MS/HS \$2.90

4. What if student account has a current negative balance?

* Please continue to add money to your student's account until the balance becomes even or have a positive balance. You must have a positive balance to purchase additional items. To check your balance, please go to Infinite Campus.

5. Do teachers/support staff get free meals?

* No, our department is a child's nutrition program so the waiver only covers the student's meals.

6. Do I still need to fill out my child's Iowa Eligibility Meal Application for free or reduced?

* Yes – please continue to fill out the Iowa Eligibility Meal Application for 2020-2021 school year. Your application will determine the status after the waiver expires.

7. If our child is a remote learner, can they receive free meals?

* Yes – please go to the South Hamilton School website and complete the Remote Learner google form on a daily basis.

If you have any questions, please contact Terri Cook at terri_cook@s-hamilton.k12.ia.us or Marcia Granzow at marcia_granzow@s-hamilton.k12.ia.us or 515-827-5479.

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