

CAFETERIA (SCHOOL WAY CAFÉ)

Breakfast- Breakfast will be served from 7:30 AM – 7:55 AM.

Lunch- Nutritionally balanced lunches are prepared by the lunchroom staff daily. It is the responsibility of the student to be sure lunch has been paid for each day. Menus and ala carte items should be paid for before school starts each day. Parents are encouraged to pay for the whole week each Monday. Prepaying for meals helps students get their lunch in an orderly manner. Payments may also be made online at www.myschoolbucks.com. Students with negative lunch account balances may be offered an alternate lunch of a cheese sandwich and juice until the account is brought up-to-date. Please note the School Way Café cannot accept checks three weeks prior to the end of the school year.

Lunchtime Visits - Parents/Guardians may enjoy lunch with their own child or children, but must sign in at the office and receive a visitor's pass. Their student(s) will meet them in the office after purchasing or picking up their lunch. Seating is available at the outside pavilion or main office. Students may only eat with individuals listed on their emergency card. This is a time to visit and we ask that you remain seated in the designated area with your child.

Monthly menus will be sent home with your child.

We encourage home lunches to be nutritionally-balanced. Please avoid sending energy drinks or sodas. Please limit the amount of sweets that are included in the home lunches. Students are not allowed to share food due to food allergies of other students.

Our cafeteria offers a variety of a la carte items each day to our students. Some include: pickles, fruit juice, Jell-O, cookies, milk, and bottled water. Prices on these items vary. Contact the Cafeteria Manager for information or if you do not want your child to purchase these items. (258-4669, option #4)

Free and Reduced Meals: Your child may qualify for free or reduced meals during the school year. Each child will be given an application on the first day of school. In order to find out if your family qualifies, fill the form out completely and return it to your child's teacher. After this completed form is submitted, we will send it to the County office and you will then be notified if you qualify for free or reduced meals. You can also apply on-line at <http://myvolusiaschools.org> . Click on the Parent/Student tab and on Free & Reduced Applications. Only one approval or denial letter will be sent to each family. A new form must be completed and submitted each year. This takes time to process, so please allow 3-4 weeks at the beginning of the year for notification. If your financial situation should change at any time during the year, you must notify the school office.

Policy for Students without money for meals at Osceola elementary

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with federal reporting requirements for the USDA Child Nutrition Program, and to provide oversight and accountability for the collection of outstanding student meal balances.

The intent of this policy is to establish uniform meal account procedures throughout Osceola elementary. The provisions of this policy pertain to full pay and reduced-priced school lunch meals only. While the USDA Child Nutrition Program does not require that a full pay student or reduced-priced student be served a meal without payment, Osceola elementary has established this policy as a courtesy to students without lunch money.

NOTE: This policy is school administration-based and may vary between schools.

II. Policy

A student will be allowed to charge a maximum of 4 meals to their account at their normal meal price. Once a student has charged 4 meals, he/she will be offered an alternate meal of a cheese sandwich and a juice at \$.40, (substitutions will be made for documented food allergies), which will also be charged to the student's meal account.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for meal payment to School Way Café. Notices of deficit balances will be sent to parents/guardians at regular intervals during the school year.

Students/Parents/Guardians may pay for meals in advance via cash or with a check payable to Osceola Elementary or you can pay www.myschoolbucks.com. Please note this service does have a minimal fee. Funds should be maintained in accounts to minimize the possibility that a child may be without meal money on any given day. Any remaining funds for a student at the end of the school year will be carried over to the next school year.

School Way Café uses computerized point of sale/cash register systems that maintain records of all monies deposited and spent for each student and said records are available by setting up an account at www.myschoolbucks.com.

No ala carte charges or purchased items are permitted for students with a negative balance.

If a student is without meal money on a consistent basis, the administration will investigate the situation more closely and take further action as needed. If financial hardship exists, parents and families are encouraged to apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits.

Currently, breakfast is complimentary to all students enrolled in Volusia County Schools; however, this service may be discontinued at any time.