



# D135 Now Offering Free Student Meals

*Free meals, made possible through a waiver sponsored by the USDA and are expected to run through the end of the school year.*

Orland School District 135 is excited to announce that we are now able to offer meals free of charge to kids ages 1 through 18. This is made possible through a waiver sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture. This program is expected to run through the end of the school year (USDA will advise).

## **In-Person Learners**

- The monthly menu is available on the website under the Food Service Department.
- No pre-ordering necessary.
- Students will receive 1-3 lunches (depending on their schedule) at the end of the day to take home.
- We are unable to provide students with lunches for siblings at home. If lunches are needed for children not in the district they will need to be picked up at Century Junior High (South entrance of the building) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (unless otherwise notified).
- Students are not required to get a school lunch.

## **Remote Learners**

- The monthly menu is available on the website under the Food Service Department.
- No pre-ordering necessary.
- Pick up is at Century Junior High (South entrance of the building) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30am - 12:00pm (unless otherwise notified).
- Two lunches will be provided on Mondays and three lunches will be provided on Wednesdays (unless otherwise notified).
- Families with children at multiple buildings can pick up meals for all children 1 - 18 years of age.
- Students do not need to be present.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

***Will I need to complete a new free/reduce application for my student after the new year?***

You do not need to fill out an application to take advantage of this year's free lunch program. However, you will need to fill out an application if you need the registration fee waiver for the current school year. If your family's financial situation changes during the school year, a new application can be submitted to the Business Office for approval.

**What happens to the existing money available in my student's lunch account?**

Lunch accounts will remain active and lunch funds available throughout the school year regardless of the free meal program.

**Will lunch money be accepted during the free meal program?**

At this time no payment is necessary, however previous negative balances can still be paid off. We strongly discourage checks from being sent in during this pandemic. Please deposit funds electronically by logging onto Skyward.

**Can funds be withdrawn from a student lunch account?**

Yes, however, we encourage available funds to remain in lunch accounts for future purchases. Please contact the Director of Food Services, Robin Garcia, at 708-364-3366 or at [rgarcia@questfms.com](mailto:rgarcia@questfms.com) to request a student lunch account refund or to inquire about the food service program for this year.