

Lunch Notes:

1. Students new to Advantage Academy (even those with returning siblings) must bring a lunch from home or money to purchase meals until an application is submitted, processed and approved.
2. Meal benefits for returning students will continue for 30 days or until a new application is submitted. If a current application is not submitted within 30 days the benefits will expire.
3. **Please see that your child has money for meals or a lunch from home for the first few days of school** until the benefits are application for meal benefits has been processed and approved. **Meal benefits are not retro-active.**
4. Meals can be prepaid online at MySchoolBucks.com, you will need your child's ID number and the zip code for your campus. There is a fee of \$1.95 for this service. You can also pay in cash in the school cafeteria, and there is no fee for this option. The cafeteria does not accept checks or credit/debit cards for meals.
5. Please **do not send microwaveable meals** to school for your children in grades PreK-5 as they are not permitted to use a microwave oven. School personnel are not permitted to warm meals for students.
6. Health regulations do not allow for students who bring a lunch from home to be stored in school refrigerators. The cafeteria does not provide utensils for lunches sent from home, but can be purchased for a small fee.
7. Please instruct your child it is best not to share food from home as children are not aware of food allergies of classmates.
8. You may bring food from home or a restaurant for your own child only, but not for other students to be consumed in the cafeteria, including pizza, burgers, ice cream, candy, etc.
9. In an effort to keep the cafeteria clean and tidy for each lunch hour, remind your child to clean up his/her area after meals.
10. All students are expected to follow the rules of conduct in their respective cafeterias and follow the instructions of the lunch monitors and school personnel.
11. Birthday celebrations are restricted to the classroom or as designated by the administration. **Parents cannot bring food items to be shared in the cafeteria.**
12. Please contact the Child Nutrition Office at 214.276.5848, if you have any questions about the National School Lunch Program.

Advantage Academy Locations

Grand Prairie West

955 Freetown Road
Grand Prairie, TX 75051
214.276.5800 x 2

Grand Prairie East

300 W. Pioneer Parkway
Grand Prairie, TX 75051
214.276.5800 x 6

North Duncanville

4009 & 4010 Joseph Hardin Drive
Dallas, TX 75236
214.276.5800 x 3

Waxahachie

701 W. Hwy 287 Bypass
Waxahachie, TX 75165
972.937.9851

Central Office

Child Nutrition Coordinator
618 W. Wheatland Road
Duncanville, TX 75116
214.276.5848

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School Lunch Talk

Advantage Academy offers nutritious meals in our café where all students can enjoy a healthy breakfast and lunch. We are pleased to announce the Texas Department of Agriculture found that our food service program meets all of the nutrition and operations requirements for school meals.

We participate in the National School Lunch Program which provides free or reduced-priced breakfast and lunch for those students who qualify based on the income guidelines of the United States Department of Agriculture. You may apply for these benefits for your child by going to our website, www.advantageacademy.org to submit an application online by **August 1**. A paper application will be available in the school office or the cafeteria on the first day of school, if you prefer not to use the online application. All applications will be processed within 10 business days after they are received in the Child Nutrition office. ***Meal benefits are not retroactive and are not effective until the application has been processed and approved. Send a lunch from home or provide cash or pay online for meals for the first few days of school.***

We encourage all students who qualify to participate in the NSLP. All meals served are prepared according to the guidelines of the Texas Department of Agriculture who oversees the National School Lunch Program for Texas Public and Charter Schools.

You will find more information about the Child Nutrition program in the Parent/Student Handbook that is posted on our website at www.advantageacademy.org

Apply Online

The application for Free and Reduced- Price Meals can be submitted online!

The process is **SAFE, SECURE, PRIVATE, and AVAILABLE** anytime, anywhere!



Safe & Secure

We use the highest level of data encryption available, meaning that your information is always safe and guarded.

Private & Available

Apply online in the comfort and privacy of your own home. The online service is available 24/7 anytime, anywhere there is an Internet connection!

Fast

Your data is transmitted to the Advantage Academy Nutrition Office the same day you apply, allowing for quicker processing so you can receive benefits faster. Please be advised that benefits are not retro-active, and will begin once the application is processed and approved.

Go Green

No more paper applications to complete and return to the school office! Applying online is so convenient and good for the environment as well!

Important Note: Students new to Advantage Academy must bring a lunch from home or money to purchase lunch at school until the Application for Meals is processed and approved. Please do not send your child to school without a lunch or money to purchase meals. Students who do not have a lunch or money will be given an alternate meal.

Meal prices are: Breakfast - \$ 2.20 Lunch - \$3.20

Pay Online

MySchoolBucks.com gives parents a fast, easy, and secure way to add money to their children's school meal account, check their children's current meal account balances, and monitor the items purchased by their children.

Features:

- Parents do not need to send cash with their child
- Parents can make payments 24/7 at their convenience
- Parents can monitor student balances and purchases online
- Make payments for all your students in the same district in one transaction
- Parents can set up automatic monthly payments
- Can use credit card to make payments and earn points if it is a reward card
- Email service allows parents to set up low balance reminder

Go To:



www.myschoolbucks.com

To make online payments there is a small convenience fee of \$1.95 for each transaction. You can add funds to multiple accounts per transaction. Advantage Academy does not profit from the use of this service. Please allow 2 to 3 business days for payments to be processed. Cash payments are accepted in the cafeteria without a fee. Checks and credit/debit cards are not accepted in the cafeteria.

Instructions for :



Registering for MySchoolBucks.com

- You will first need your child's student ID number; you can get this number by contacting your child's school or contacting the Child Nutrition office at 214.276.5848
- Go www.MySchoolBucks.com
- Click **Sign Up** and enter the required information
- Click **Finish** to complete the initial registration process

Add Students to Your Family Account

- When you log in, you will be taken to the homepage.
- Click **my household** from the main menu
- This is a listing of the students in your account. It will be empty on your first visit to the site
- Click **Add a Student** and enter the required information
- Click **Add** (next to your child's name) to continue
- Click **Add Child** to repeat the process for additional children
- NOTE: Your child's transaction history report will not display information during the initial account set up process

How to Make a Deposit

- Click **Deposit Money** located next to **Add Student**.
- Enter an amount in the **Deposit** column next to your child's name
 - o If you have more than one child, enter the amount you wish to deposit into the column next to each child's name. DO NOT deposit money for your entire family into ONE child's account.
- Click **Calculate**
- Click **Make Deposit**
 - o Using a credit card, enter the required information. For your protection, MySchoolBucks.com will not store your financial information.
- Click **Pay Now** when finished
- Click **Pay** once again to finish the process

For more information about MySchoolBucks click on: "Help / FAQ" at the bottom of the website page