

HOW THE SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM WORKS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Here are some tips in making your child's meal choices a little easier.

Putnam Valley has implemented a POS Computer system for cafeteria sales. This is for your child's meal debit account used to pay for school meals and snacks. ALL incoming students at the Elementary School and transferring into the District will be issued 4-digit Pin numbers. This pin number will remain with your student throughout all of Putnam Valley Schools and will not change from year to year. Please have your son or daughter bring a check to the cafeteria made out to ***Putnam Valley School Lunch Fund***. The check can be for any dollar amount. Please indicate on the check as to whether you want the funds to be used strictly for meals (breakfast and lunch only), or for meals & snacks. Please also indicate your child's name and classroom teacher. If you have more than one child in school, please send a separate check for each child. ***Please note that this is not a credit card. This is a declining balance account. ****

Elementary School Lunch \$2.70

Middle/High School \$2.95

Breakfast \$1.50

IF you would like to sign your child up for a MySchoolBucks account at MySchoolBucks.com you may choose to do so. You will need to register and open an account with MySchoolBucks.com. This system will take a credit card and will re-fill the account at a limit you determine, or will notify you when your child's account is low and needs to be refilled. ** Please be aware that a cost is associated with using this system.** Therefore, if you wish to not incur a service fee, you may opt to have your child bring a check to school.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids act was implemented on July 1, 2012 requiring changes to the National School Lunch Program. There are now 5 components to a School Lunch. A Student must take a minimum of 3 of the 5 components to be considered a lunch; for breakfast, the child must select at least 3 components as well. A selection of a fruit or vegetable is now MANDATORY. Components can not be substituted for each other. If your child does not choose a min of 3 components, a component may be added to the tray, or your child may be charged at a per item cost. This will result in a higher cost than the reimbursable school lunch meal rate.

Choose a min of 3 of the following:

1. Meat/Meat Alternate

We offer hot entrée(s), daily sandwich, and daily salad listed on your menu. We also have available daily the following alternatives:

Sunbutter & Jelly (Elementary only) or PB & J (at Middle and High School) Cheese Sandwich, Yogurt Lunch (Yogurt & hot soft whole wheat pretzel w/carrot & celery sticks). Yogurt lunch is only available at the ES

A Bagel lunch now consists of a whole wheat bagel, with a choice of Mozzarella String Cheese, or 4 oz yogurt.

Sandwiches will be made on Whole Wheat Bread

2. Fruit or Juice

½ cup of Fresh fruit, fruit cup, dried fruit, or 100% fruit juice.

1 Cup at HS level

3. ½ cup Hot Vegetable of the day or Raw Vegetable Bar
1 cup at HS level

4. Bread/Grain – this could be part of an entrée, or an additional side item

5. Choice of Antibiotic, Hormone Free Milk – Fat Free, 1% or, Fat Free Chocolate. This is only a choice and is not mandatory.

6. Please note water is available at the refill stations and for purchase. Water is not considered part of a reimbursable meal as it does not contribute to the overall nutritional value of a school lunch.

7. Pay at the register

Punch in your pin number to move thru the register.

All students must input their pin number. This assures the staff that a child with allergies has not selected an item containing an allergen.

For the easiest way to pay and refill your child's account, use MySchoolBucks.com.

However, you may always choose to send a check with your child. If so, Please make it payable to Putnam Valley CSD (memo: Lunch Account)

All beverages and packaged snacks sold in the Putnam Valley Schools cafeterias must adhere to USDA smart snack guidelines.

Please contact Sandra Renken at (845)526-7847x1321 with any questions.

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