



Effective Immediately September 23, 2020

The Washington Township School District has received approval from the New Jersey Division of Child Nutrition and the United States Department of Agriculture to extend free lunch & breakfast to **ALL** Washington Township School District students depending on available funding through December 2020. This free lunch & breakfast program will end December 31, 2020 unless USDA funding changes.

Parents will not be required to submit any payments for current meals through the month of December 2020 unless USDA notifies us of any funding change and we will notify you of the same.

Ordering Meals:

In-person Learning Option Families

- Breakfast is available to all students as they enter the building. Students may simply take a “grab and go” breakfast with them to homeroom.
- Students that are in school, will continue to order lunch during the homeroom period.
- In the event that In-person Learning students are temporarily moved to remote learning (school moved to remote learning for staffing and / or health emergency), meals will only be available at the Brass Castle School from 12:00pm – 1:00pm each day. Families may pull up to the front of the school and a cafeteria staff member will bring the meals to the car. If we need to go to all remote learning for an extended period we will distribute meals for multiple days and will notify families accordingly.

Remote Learning Option Families

- Families will complete the On-line meal ordering form each week and follow the pickup directions on the form.

Additional Information from the USDA:

On August 31, 2020 the US Department of Agriculture announced that it would be extending the free meals program through the end of December 2020, dependent on available funding. The extension allows meal program operators to serve free meals to all children as funding is available.

“This unprecedented move will help ensure – no matter what the situation is on-the-ground – children have access to nutritious food as the country recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. USDA has been and continues to be committed to using the Congressionally appropriated funding that has been made available”.

This extension can be a relief for some in the Washington Township community. For those families who might not qualify for free or reduced meals but are still going through difficult times and worry about how to keep food on the table, this provides families one less thing to worry about as we move forward with the school year.

Meal Menus Link: <https://washtwpsd.nutrislice.com/menu/print>

Remote Learners Link: [Remote Learners Order Form](#)