



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): Lunch Procedures

Are free meals available to all students?

School lunch will be available every day at both buildings. Students can also bring their own lunch. Because of lack of access to healthy meals during the COVID-19 pandemic, **the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended waivers to schools across Ohio to serve meals to all students FREE OF CHARGE until the end of the school year.** Families do not need to complete any additional paperwork to receive this benefit.

How do we apply for free/reduced meals?

While lunch is free through the rest of this school year, families who think they might qualify for free or reduced lunch status should still submit updated meal assistance applications for the 2020-21 school year. These applications help determine the amount of federal assistance the district gets each year. These forms are also used to determine student eligibility for any type of school fee waivers.

Will students eat in the cafeteria or will they be spread out in alternate locations?

At Mills Lawn School, students will be assigned to eat in either the cafeteria, outside in the tented area near the gym door, the classroom, or the media center (as needed). Students will be given a "small group assignment" for lunch, and they will keep this grouping through the end of the year.

At McKinney Middle/Yellow Springs High, students in grades 7-9 will have one lunch period and students in grades 10-12 will have a separate lunch period. Students will be eating lunch in the cafeteria, KIVA, and 8th-grade hallway. Weather permitting, students will be encouraged to eat outside. Students will not be permitted to eat in any classrooms. Students will be given a "small group assignment" for lunch, and they will keep this grouping through the end of the year.

What safety precautions are taken in the food lines?

At Mills Lawn School, students will stagger their lunch release times to the cafeteria to prevent congestion and long lines. Students will be required to maintain social distancing while waiting in the lunch line. After picking up their lunch students will continue to their assigned area.

At McKinney Middle/Yellow Springs High, students will be released from class in two waves for each lunch to prevent congestion and long lines. Students will be required to maintain social distancing while waiting in the lunch line.

What are the cleaning procedures for areas where food will be eaten?

At Mills Lawn School surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected between lunch periods.

At McKinney Middle/Yellow Springs High, there are twenty minutes between the lunch periods. This allows all surfaces to be cleaned and disinfected between lunch periods. Additionally, this allows our ventilation system to provide at least one full air exchange between lunch periods.

These procedures will be adjusted as needed.