



ASHFORD SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

MEAL PRICES FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Ashford School provides daily breakfast and lunch for all students in Grades PK-8. Preschool students who attend the morning session may receive a daily breakfast, and students in the afternoon sessions may receive a daily lunch.

School meal prices for the 2024-2025 school year are:

Breakfast	\$ 1.50	Reduced	\$ 0.30
Lunch	\$ 3.00	Reduced	\$ 0.40
Milk	\$. .50		

Ashford School is pleased to be a recipient of STAR funding for the 2024-2025 school year. The State of Connecticut has authorized that students who are eligible for reduced price meals will not be charged the reduced rate for those meals, they will be served at no charge to the student or student's family.

NOTE: Snacks and beverages are sold separately from the purchased meal. These items range in cost. If your student chooses to purchase such items, they will be charged to their school meals account if there are sufficient funds available to cover that cost. Snack and beverage items may not be charged to an account with a zero balance or that is in the negative.

Ashford School has no authority to deter or intervene in your children making purchases of snacks or beverages, if you do not wish for your child to purchase such items, please discuss it with them.

We recommend that parents/guardians log in weekly to the MySchoolBucks portal to review student meal account balances. Notification of negative meal account balances will be sent to Parents/Guardians via email. Please review the Ashford Board of Education's [Meal Charging Policy](#) for more information.

If you have any questions about school meals, applications or need assistance, please contact Food Service Manager Karen Samperi at 860-429-6419 x 360 or via email at ksamperi@ashfordct.org

HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT TO THE CAFETERIA

Ashford School has a few simple payment options for you from which you may choose to pay for student meals. No matter which payment option you choose, **please remember that if there is a current negative balance, any funds submitted will be utilized to erase negative balances first.**

Pre-paying for your child's meals is a simpler way of managing their account, and prevents unpaid meal charges from occurring. Paying for meals before the meal service also helps lunch lines move more quickly, giving children more time to enjoy their meal.

- **Pay Online:** Make an online payment to your child's account using your credit or debit card at www.myschoolbucks.com

- **Pay in the Mail:** Send a check to Ashford School Food Services, 440 Westford Rd. Ashford, CT 06278 Checks should be made payable to Ashford School Please include your child's name and student ID number when sending a payment. You may send in one check for more than one child, please note in the check memo how the payment is to be allocated among your children.

- **Pay in Person:** Stop by the Ashford School between 8 am and 9 am Monday through Friday to pay by cash or a check.

You may also send cash or a check to school with your child. Checks should be made payable to Ashford School. Payments sent with your child(ren) should be sent in a sealed envelope with the student's name and homeroom teacher on the envelope.

If your family is experiencing a financial setback, please contact us so we can help. We are willing to work with you to develop a payment plan for your debt. We can also assist you in applying for free or reduced price meal benefits.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS

If you think your child(ren) may be eligible for free or reduced price meals, please submit a school meal application. You may do this at any time during the school year. Applications are available in the Ashford School office during school hours, however, we strongly encourage families to apply online at myschoolapps.com for a faster determination of eligibility.

Unless you have received a notice from the district that your child(ren) are directly certified by the State in this school year, an application must be submitted to be considered for free or reduced-price meals.

It is very important to us that all eligible children receive free or reduced price school meals, again, we encourage all families to submit a confidential application.