

August 3, 2021

Re: **Nutrition Services Meal (Free of Charge) Policy School Year 2021-2022**

Dear Families,

Outlined here is our Meal Policy and valuable information regarding Berkeley Unified School District's meal programs for the 2021-22 School Year. We are operating under the *Seamless Summer Option (SSO)* as a result of ongoing needs and challenges due to COVID-19.

**No child shall be denied food.** Under the SSO meal program all students K-12 are automatically eligible for free breakfast and free lunch every day they are in school. Therefore, Nutrition Services will not issue meal applications for the 2021-22 school year.

**We offer Universal Breakfast at all school sites,** providing free breakfast to all students (TK - 12) each day we are open for school. Students who arrive late to school will have access to a "second chance breakfast".

**Lunch is available to all our students K-12 for free.** Please encourage your children to participate in the meal program. There is no need to apply for a free meal, and there is no charge for lunch.

Lunches continue to be made fresh in our Central Kitchen located here in the district at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School campus. These meals are pre-portioned and packaged on site and delivered fresh each morning to all school sites. At the sites, the meals are heated for lunch time service. Students may quickly and easily pick up a hot meal in an easy to carry bag, with milk and fresh fruit as well as sides and condiments, to be brought to each school site's designated lunch space.

Please visit our website at [www.berkeleyschools.net/departments/nutrition-services](http://www.berkeleyschools.net/departments/nutrition-services) for links to our menu calendar.

Thank you for your participation in our program. We are proud of the healthy and delicious food we serve, and appreciate the opportunity to support the daily lives and education of our students.

Best Regards,

Bonnie Christensen  
Director, Nutrition Services

A copy of this letter will be posted on the Nutrition Services website and in the school cafeteria.  
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