



Brunswick City Schools

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Brunswick City Schools has recently adopted a new computerized Point of Sale payment system for all school meals purchased in the district's cafeterias. The first day of service for this new system will be Tuesday, January 15, 2013. I would like to take the time to introduce this system to all parents and to describe the upcoming services that will be provided. The first few days the lunch lines may be slower, but as the students familiarize themselves with the system, the lines should move much quicker than before. Breakfast will be included on the same system.

Every student will have their own personal meal account based on their current student ID number. Students can access their accounts on the PIN pads located at every register. We are assuming that all students know their student ID number used for academic eligibility, but if they forget, we can access it through every register. It is strongly recommended that all students remember their numbers.

We encourage parents to deposit money into the student's account, although they may still pay cash. Monies paid into a student account can only be used for the purchase of regular and "a la carte" meals. This way, parents are assured that their money is being used to purchase only lunch or breakfast items. When sending in money by check or cash, please include the student's ID number on the check or envelope so it is deposited into the correct account.

Parents also have the option to add money by creating an account by going to www.myschoolbucks.com. This convenient and secure online payment system will allow you to deposit money into one or more student accounts, track purchase history, create low balance reminders and even set-up an automatically recurring payment. This service will be available sometime during the week of January 7, 2013.

If your student has qualified for free or reduced price meals, this information is securely contained within the system and the meal will be processed just as it is for all other students. There is no need to be concerned for a potentially uncomfortable situation for the student.

If you are concerned about a food allergy that your student has, please notify the school office with this information. A warning will appear on the cashier's screen for a quick review of the items on the student's meal tray.

Thank you in advance for your patience in implementing this system.