

DISTRICT 197 – FOOD SERVICE

Prepaid Meal Accounts

Each student will have their own personal account in which they can place money for purchases. Payment to accounts may be made with a personal check, cash, credit/debit card, or checking/savings account. Personal checks or cash payments for multiple students should be sent to St. Joseph's School with a noted designation of how the money is to be divided.

Account balances are available by contacting the Child Nutrition representative at St. Joseph's School or more simply by setting up an account with MealpayPlus. **Parents do not need to deposit money through MealpayPlus in order to have an account and enjoy the benefits of viewing purchase history and receiving low balance notification.**

*****Credit Card Payments – IMPORTANT CHANGES*****

MealpayPlus allows parents to make online payments for their child's meal account. It also enables parents to make payments by phone. At any time, parents may view their child's account balance, payments made through MealpayPlus, and purchase history for the previous 30 days. Email confirmations of payments and low balance reminders are automatically sent to parents. "Wallet" and "Auto-Replenish" features allow parents to set a low balance amount that will automatically replenish their child's account when it reaches a specified balance. **Parents need NOT make deposits via MealpayPlus in order to open an account and enjoy the benefits of receiving low-balance reminders and viewing student purchase history.**

MealpayPlus accepts **MasterCard** and **VISA** credit cards; or you may pay by electronic debit from your **Checking** or **Savings** account by providing account and routing numbers.

Choose either of these two convenient ways to make a deposit:

1. Link to the MealpayPlus web site from the District's web site at <http://www.isd197.org> or go directly to <https://www.mealpayplus.com>, register an account for your child(ren), and begin making payments.

2. Call the MealpayPlus Automated Hotline at **1-866-608-3715** and follow the prompts to register and begin making payments. **Credit card payments are no longer handled over the phone by calling the Child Nutrition Office.**

Parents MUST have Student ID Numbers to use either option. Parents may contact their child's school office or the Child Nutrition Office @ (651) 403-7320 to find out their child's Student ID number.

A CREDIT WILL BE APPLIED TO THE CHILD'S ACCOUNT, HELPING OFFSET MOST OF THE 4.75% FEE CHARGED BY MEALPAYPLUS FOR EACH TRANSACTION.

THIS CREDIT, OUTLINED BELOW, WILL VARY DEPENDING ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE TRANSACTION. A SINGLE TRANSACTION MAY INCLUDE MULTIPLE STUDENTS ATTENDING ANY OF THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC OR PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

Less Than \$25.00 = No Credit
\$25.00 - \$49.99 = \$1.00 Credit
\$50.00 - \$74.99 = \$2.00 Credit
\$75.00 - \$99.99 = \$3.00 Credit
\$100.00 - \$124.99 = \$4.00 Credit
\$125.00 - \$149.99 = \$5.00 Credit
\$150.00 - \$174.99 = \$6.00 Credit
\$175.00 - \$199.99 = \$7.00 Credit
\$200.00 or More = \$8.00 Credit

THE CREDIT FOR MULTIPLE STUDENTS OF A SINGLE TRANSACTION WILL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL TRANSACTION. FOR EXAMPLE: A TOTAL TRANSACTION OF \$80.00 FOR TWO STUDENTS WOULD RESULT IN \$1.50 BEING APPLIED TO EACH STUDENT'S ACCOUNT.

