

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We hope that your child and you are as excited about the coming school year as we are. Our students did outstanding last year, and we are really looking forward to this coming year. This year a breakfast and lunch menu will be sent home once a month with the elementary students, and a menu may be picked up by the junior and senior high students on the information table in the high school commons.

The costs of the meals will be as follows:

Breakfast	Elementary \$1.50	Junior-Senior High \$1.50	Reduced meal \$.30	Adults \$1.90
Lunch	PreK – 6th grade \$2.75	7th – 12th grade \$2.75	Reduced Meal \$.40	Adults \$3.25

Additional Items:

Extra carton of milk: \$.50 (**One milk is included in price of meals**)

Breakfast will be served from 7:40 A.M. to 7:55 A.M.

Your child may qualify for free or reduced price meals. To apply, please complete the Free and Reduced Form that is attached to this letter and return it to your child's school office. Only one form per family is needed, but all children must be listed on the form. **The form must be filled out completely for "every" family attending public schools-even if you feel your family will not qualify. A new application must be completed every year.** Applications that are not completely filled out cannot be approved. If your household is on food stamps, you will qualify for free meals. The number of people in the home and the income determine the free or reduced rate you may be eligible for. **ALL SECOND MEALS WILL BE \$3.25.**

You may pay for your child's meals monthly, weekly, or daily. You may pay by check or cash. If you send cash and your child does not spend that money in the cafeteria on a meal and spends the cash elsewhere, the school is not responsible. **STUDENTS & EMPLOYEES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CHARGE MEALS FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR AS PER BOARD APPROVAL.** We recommend you pay weekly or monthly with a check. If your child is absent a day, they do not lose that day's meal money.

Your account is only credited for the days your child is here and eats. If you pay monthly, you will be notified when your account gets down to a \$20.00 balance which would cover approximately five meals. If you are paying in advance and have a balance at the end of the school year, that money will carry over as a credit for the beginning of the next school year. Elementary students turn their meal money into their teacher first thing in the morning. Junior and senior high students pay their meal money to the cashier as they go through the line. **WE NOW ACCEPT ON-LINE PAYMENTS.** To set up this account, go to the school website, click on the lunch menu tab at the bottom and it will take you to the EZ School Pay website. You can then set up your child's account using their student ID number. If you do not know their ID number, please call Tina Byrd at 870-776-1409.

If you have questions or difficulty filling out the Free and Reduced Forms, please feel free to contact **Mrs. Tina Byrd, Food Service Director, at 776-1409.** These forms must be returned by **Friday, September 15th**. Please have your child return them to their teacher (elementary) or the office (secondary). If you were on free and reduced last year, you will start this year on free and reduced. However, if your form is not turned in, on **September 22nd**, you will go on the full pay list. If you do not feel you will qualify right now and if your situation changes, you may apply for free and reduced at any time during the school year. Thank you for your continued support of the food service program in the Armored School District.