

Food Service Department 2020-2021

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. The Acton-Boxborough Food Service Department is excited to serve healthy and delicious breakfast and lunch to all students in the district. The cost of breakfast is \$1.75. The lunch price is \$2.75 for Elementary school students and Acton-Boxborough Junior High and Senior High lunches start at \$2.75 with tiered pricing to \$4.00. If you qualify for reduced meals, breakfast costs \$.30 and lunch costs \$.40. All lunches include an entrée, milk, fruit and vegetable. If a student wants to purchase an a la carte milk, it is available for \$.50. Other a la carte items are available for purchase at the schools. Due to COVID-19 and the restrictions placed on students, the a la carte items are limited.

Before school starts, families will receive an email with your child's balance and instructions on how to set up an account in SchoolCafe. Be on the lookout for that email!

The Food Service Department encourages families to apply for free or reduced meals online at www.schoolcafe.com/ABRSD. If you need a paper application, you may print it from the [website](#) or you can email us at lunchonline@abschools.org and we will mail you an application.

Changes made due to COVID-19

Elementary students:

- Breakfast is available to be picked up in the cafeteria at the start of the school day
- Teachers will take a lunch order in the classroom and meals will be delivered in individual bags for each student to the classroom at lunch time. Everything will be self contained for each student.
- Each day there will be a choice of a main hot entree, pizza and a sandwich of the week
- Elementary students will eat in their classrooms
- We encourage payments through SchoolCafe as we would like to be as cashless as possible. We have set up a lockbox outside the cafeteria at each school for students to drop off a cash or check payment which must be in an envelope with the student name. Teachers and staff will not accept cash or check payments. They must be placed in an envelope and dropped into the lockbox.
- Paper menus will not be provided this year. Menus can be found on our website and Facebook page.

Junior High and High School:

- High School and Junior High School students will go to the cafeteria for breakfast and lunch while maintaining 6 feet of distance (floors are marked at 6 foot intervals)
- All meals will be covered and served to students
- Students have options for a main lunch of the day, assorted Boar's Head deli sandwiches, assorted salads, pizza, limited a la carte and drinks.
- We added a new service line at the High School outside of the auditorium to help spread out the students between the Cafe and the new serving area.
- We accept cash at the Junior High and High School. Parents are encouraged to add money to their students' account via SchoolCafe in an attempt to limit paper exchange at school.

- Students will receive a badge the first day of school and scan their badge for all purchases. We will not use pin pads this year.

Curbside Meals at the High School:

- We will continue to offer meals for pick up curbside at the High School (Hayward Road entrance) every **Wednesday from 3:30 pm-5:00 pm. The curbside pick up is available to all students regardless of whether you are learning from home every day or coming to school two days a week.** We will provide families with the meals they would have received at school. This summer we served over 25,000 meals at our curbside pick up. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. We will continue to offer delivery to families who can not make it out to pick up the food. Please reach out to abqualifiedlunch@neighborbrigade.org or call **(866) 896-3599** to reach a voicemail where you can leave your information for delivery. If a child is not eligible for free or reduced meals your child's account will be charged once school starts on 9/14.

Payments and SchoolCafe:

- SchoolCafe (www.schoolcafe.com/abrsd) allows parents to set-up low balance reminders, automatically add money to your students' accounts, and view purchases.. Parents can transfer money between sibling accounts in Schoolcafe as long as they have made a credit card payment equal to or greater than the transfer amount. **This year due to COVID19 we cannot honor parent restrictions for a la carte purchases. Once a student is handed an item we can not take it back and will charge the student account.**

If you have any further questions, please call the Food Service Department at 978-264-4700 x3221 or email us at lunchonline@abschools.org. We look forward to serving your child healthy meals at school.

Sincerely, Kirsten Nelson, Director of Food Services