

Channahon School District 17
Lunch Program Information

Channahon School Lunch Program is a debit lunch card program. Lunch with milk is \$2.30. Milk only is .25¢. When your child(ren) takes a lunch or take a milk only the appropriate amount will be debited from your child(ren) individual account.

Returning families: Access logins remain the same. Parents will need to deposit money into your child's lunch card account.

New families: Parents will be provided with information on how to log on and set up their own passwords into the Power School lunch program. Parents will be able to monitor their student's lunch balances as well as set up low balance alerts. New families will need to make a deposit prior to starting school.

Make checks payable to Channahon School District 17. Payments may be mailed to 24920 S. Sage St. Channahon, Illinois 60410 or send payments to school in an envelope with your child's name on it, be sure to enclose a Lunch Deposit form with the payment. **(Note: there will be a \$25.00 charge for all returned checks.)**

Students with previous balances (positive or negative) will be transferred to the student's lunch account of the next school year. **(Check your child's balances)**

Graduating students and/or students who transfer out of the district at any time during the school year must request in writing a refund from the District. Channahon School District 17, 24920 S. Sage Street Channahon, Illinois 60410 Attn: Accounts Payable.

School Specific Information

- Students will be issued an ID card having a 7 digit pin number specific to that student. This is also their lunch debit card.
- Students in seventh and eighth grades will be responsible for keeping their own cards. If they lose their card a \$5.00 fee will be charged to receive another card.
- Kindergarten through sixth will be handed their card before lunch and will be returned to their teacher after lunch.

Free and Reduced Lunch Information

Families, who qualify for reduced meals will need to make deposits into their accounts to cover the cost of reduced meal which is .40 cents per day.

Families who qualify for free or reduced lunches are entitled to **one** meal and **one** milk. **If your child chooses not to take the meal and takes the milk, they will be charged .25 cents. If your child(s) chooses to take additional milk with their meal, they will be charged .25 cents. Make sure money is deposited into their accounts for these purchases.**

Commonly Asked Questions

Q: *How much money should I deposit at one time?*

A: Hot lunch is \$2.30 a day, below is an estimate for your convenience:

	<u>Full Priced Meals</u>	<u>Reduced</u>
Monthly	\$46.00 per student	\$8.00 per student
Every 2 months	\$92.00 per student	\$16.00 per student

Note: These amounts reflect approximate totals and do not take into consideration absences, holidays, half days and additional milk purchases.

Q: *How will I make deposits into my child's debit lunch account?*

A: You will need to completed a Lunch Debit Deposit form and check made payable to:

Channahon District 17
Attn: Accounts Payable/Lunch Program
24920 S. Sage
Channahon, IL 60410

You may also send it in an envelope marked with your child name on it to their school. It will be forwarded to the District Office.

Q: *Where can I get additional forms during the year?*

A: You can get lunch deposit forms from your child's school or download them from the district website: www.csd17.org. located under Lunch Program.

Q: *How quickly is money deposited to my account?*

A: Once received, allow at least 24 hours.

Q: *What if we have a positive balance and we move out of the district or no longer have a child attending school?*

A: You will need to request a refund in writing and send to:

Channahon District 17
Attn: Lunch Program
24920 S. Sage
Channahon, IL 60410

Q: *What happens if my account has a balance at the end of the school year?*

A: Any balances left will roll over as a credit or debit to the student's lunch account for next year.

Q: *How is my student's card protected from being used by another student?*

A: For Kindergarten through 6th, the cards are collected as students receive their lunch. The cafeteria cashier then scans the cards into a card reader. Here lunch debits are monitored for proper charging, they are then returned to their teachers. For 7th and 8th grades cards are monitored for proper charging as they go through the line. After scanning they are then returned to the student.

Q: *How will I know when the balance is low on my child's account?*

A: Parents can log into the PowerSchool Lunch program. This program gives parents access to viewing their child's lunch purchases and account balance. Parents will be able to customize their own alerts.

Q: *What happens when my account falls into a negative amount?*

A: If the account has a negative balance a note will be sent home from their school asking for a deposit to be made. If payment is not deposited onto the account your child may receive a cheese sandwich, fruit and milk however, you will be charged for the cost of a regular lunch.

School lunch menus are posted on the district website.