



FAQs: Food Services

What's Cooking Hingham?

The [Hingham Public Schools Food Service Department](#) is working hard to create a welcoming and safe environment to provide healthy meals for all Hingham students. We are excited to provide nourishing and nutritious food that will support students, both in school and at home. **All school lunches are free for the 2020-2021 school year.**

How do I order free lunch?

Over the summer, HPS created a new online food ordering service. An explanation of the ordering service is found [here](#). Please scroll to page 4 for account set-up directions.

Set Up Online Account

Go to online.ordering.ling.com.

Click the SIGN UP NOW link on the homepage to create an account. Follow the directions.

Student ID

For the online order accounts the ID to set up the account is **your child's school lunch pin, the 4 digit number that they use at the register**. You can find the school lunch pin on the Aspen X2 student portal under Student Information or refer to the email sent by HPS Food Services on 9/4/2020.

Place Lunch Order In Advance

Please place your school lunch orders the night before but no later than 6AM the morning of request.

What's for lunch each day?

HPS Food Services prepares different meals for the Elementary and Secondary students. [Monthly menus](#) are posted online and provide a variety of choices everyday.

How do I pick up lunch?

In-Person Learning Days

Elementary Schools

Meals will be delivered to the classroom prior to dismissal. Students will take their lunch home to eat. Eating is not permitted on buses.

Students who stay at school will eat lunch at their designated eating location.

Middle School and High School

Students will pick up their meals from the cafeteria or a mobile kiosk at dismissal. Students who stay at school will pick up their lunches at their selected kiosk or the cafeteria and will eat at their designated eating location.

Remote Learning Days

Student meals can be picked up at the High School Cafeteria from 9AM to 12PM. Please enter the HS property via Pleasant Street to the back of the school. Go to the picnic tables which are on your left. Curbside pick-up at the cafeteria entrance is provided.

Are Gluten Free meals available?

Yes, Hingham Public Schools Food Service provides a gluten free menu. This unique menu can be found under the online order Breakfast Tab. (The online ordering is a template website and this was the best way to accommodate these meals.)

Where is the nutritional information for each meal?

Please refer to the [calendar menu](#) for all nutritional information.

Why are school lunches free?

There is no charge for lunches for the 2020-2021 school year and we will not need to worry about payment options or how to put funds on your account. Students can simply pick up their meals and go.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), which governs the school meals programs, initially offered waivers allowing schools to offer meals at no cost to anyone under 21 back in March.

Are applications for services and free lunch still available?

At this time many families may be struggling financially possibly due to the pandemic. Although there is no charge for school lunch for the 2020-2021 school year, HPS continues to accept applications online via schoolcafe.com. We have a PDF version of the application on [our menu site](#), and we will also be happy to mail one home or even provide one up at curbside pick-up at the High School. Once you are approved for benefits you are set for the whole school year and you may stop benefits at any time. In addition, we encourage families to apply for SNAP benefits. SNAP provides monthly cash benefits on an EBT card to purchase groceries for eligible families. To apply for SNAP, visit DTA Connect at <https://dtaconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/> or call the Project Bread Food Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333. Families approved for SNAP are directly eligible to receive free meals at school.

Other Questions?

Please reach out with any questions you might have to [HPS Food Services](#). Your children are the reason we do our jobs and we are here to make sure that they are fueled with good food!