



Verden Public Schools
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Dear Tiger families:

With the first day of classes just weeks away, our teachers, administrators and support staff are preparing for another exciting school year. This includes our child nutrition team, who are gearing up to serve more than 41,884 meals to 365 students between August and May. Over the last several weeks, you may have read about state-level discussions regarding child nutrition programs in Oklahoma schools. At this time, with no additional funding source to cover this expense, we are not able to offer free meals to all students. While we won't be making significant changes to our program this year, please know our child nutrition program will continue to support the health and well-being of all district students. Here are important child nutrition details for the 2025-26 school year:

Free- and Reduced-Price Meal Applications: All families are encouraged to complete and return a free- and reduced-priced meal application to determine if they qualify for the benefit, based on federally established financial guidelines. Applications for the program are available on the school website (verdenschools.org), at our back to school night, and sent home on the first day of school. Parents are asked to complete and return them as soon as possible. The Verden child nutrition team will contact the families who qualify for the meal benefit, following the application review process.

Costs and Payment Options: The district works to keep meal costs low for families who do not qualify for free- and reduced-price meal benefits. We offer convenient payment options, including cash, checks, or credit card payments to make managing meal costs easier for families. Meal prices for the upcoming school year will be:

- o Elementary – Breakfast, \$2.00 and Lunch, \$3.00
- o High School – Breakfast, \$2.00 and Lunch, \$3.00

Our Commitment: The district will provide a meal to every student in need of one, even if they do not qualify for free meals and cannot pay the required amount. We will contact the family to work out an arrangement to meet this need. No child will be without a meal while at school. If you have any questions about the child nutrition program, reach out to Jessica Whitley, Child Nutrition Clerk at 405-453-7247 or jwhitley@verdenschools.org.

Thank you for your support of Verden Public Schools. We look forward to a fantastic school year filled with learning, growth and good nutrition!

Sincerely,

Superintendent