

Dear Families,

The school is again offering a Summer Food Service Program, with meals beginning after Memorial Day on Tuesday, May 28. Below you will find some frequently asked questions regarding this year's program. To participate in this summer's program you will be asked to complete the ["2024 Summer Meal Pick-up Household Form."](#)

What's new with the 2024 summer meal program? Grab n Go Only – No Dine In Option

There is a significant change to the 2024 summer meal program. This year, we have received permission to operate a Rural Non-congregate Program. With this program offering, meals must be "grab and go" as per MN Dept of Education(MDE) requirements. **There is to be no dine-in option.**

This "grab and go" option is designed to help more parents and families who live outside of Springfield take advantage of our summer meal program without making multiple trips to pick-up their children to come to school for a meal and drive them home afterwards.

What are the MDE requirements to verify eligible students within each household to avoid possible misuse with a "grab and go" program?

With the "grab and go" program, MDE requires schools to verify how many children 18 and younger are in participating household by having the head of household complete a ["2024 Summer Meal Pick-up Household Form."](#)

This form requires these two important pieces of information that the school must have on file:

- 1) the names of kids in the household to receive these meals and
- 2) which adults, or guardians, are authorized to pick up meals.

Here is the link to this form – ["2024 Summer Meal Pick-up Household Form."](#)

This form can be found on the school's Facebook page, school website, or use the QR code found here.

If children will be coming to school to pick up meals themselves daily, then no form is required, but it is a best practice to complete this form anyhow

When do we need to submit our "meal pick-up" form to be able to participate with the "grab and go"?

The **form must be completed prior to participating** in the program and picking up meals. There will be a QR code or a hard copy of this form at the pick-up door location you may complete in the event you may have forgotten to enroll prior to our first pick-up day.

What days will the summer meal program be offered?

The program will run Monday's through Thursday's with a few exceptions. First serving day will be Tuesday, May 28 and the last serving day will be Tuesday, August 6. The program will be closed June 19, and July 1-5.

Meals will be ready for pick-up between 11:00 a.m. – 12:30p.m. daily. Pick-up location is door W-3, on the west side of the school. Meal will include lunch and a snack, packaged together. An extra meal for Friday will be sent home with the Thursday pick-up. Adults may also purchase a meal for \$6.00. As always, this program is FREE to all children ages 18 and under.

What if we have cousins or other student age children staying with us?

Please bring them with you when you pick-up your household meals. MDE identifies that children 18 and under who physically show up at the door should be offered a meal.

What is the QR Code linking to this same form?



We appreciate you and your children.

Hope you have a great summer!

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