

*Sault Area Schools
Food Service Program
2015-2016 Program Guide*

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2014-2015 School Year! We have a number of changes to our program this year. This program guide contains detailed information about the changes and the services offered by Sault Area Schools Food Service Program.

We will not be sending the paperwork through the mail this year, but will send it electronically to all parents on August 20, 2015.

LUNCH ACCOUNT INFORMATION:

We will be utilizing a new computerized point of sale system called Meal Magic. An account is established for every student in the district using their *STUDENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER*. This replaces the 5 digit keypad number that students were using for identification. Each account contains their photo, class, grade, account balance along with their ID number. Students will enter their student identification number on a pin-pad to make purchases and deposits. These accounts are no longer family accounts. They are individual student accounts.

Lunch information will be available on line! Parents can view student meal activity and account balances for their children using a secure website. The system requires parents to create a user account. Users must provide an email address, password, student's names(s), student (ID) number as well as the student's date of birth. They will then receive an email from Meal Magic with a temporary password allowing them access to the account(s). Click [HERE](#) to get more information and to sign up.

FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS::

A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED EACH YEAR TO RECEIVE BENEFITS. Applications will be available after August 20, 2015. The Federal Government has released a new Free/Reduced application this year. It looks very different from previous applications. Included in their packet is the Application (2 pages), the Parent Letter (2 pages) and the Instructions for Completing the New Application (4 pages).

We have a new and exciting option for parents this year! [Apply for Free/Reduced Meals ONLINE:](#) We are pleased to announce that you may apply for Free or Reduced Meal Benefits over the internet! To begin, go to www.lunchapp.com. From there, click the "apply" link and follow the steps to apply on-line. There is no cost to apply for these benefits online.

Paper application will also be accepted at all of our buildings. They can be picked up at any of the district school offices or you can download the forms on our website. <http://saultschools.org/foodservice>.

Family Application for Free & Reduced Meals
Dear Parent Letter for Free & Reduced Meals
Instructions for Free & Reduced Meals
Sharing Free/Reduced Information with Other Programs

Complete the application to apply for free and reduced price school meals. Use one application for all students in your house-hold. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to:

Sault Area Schools
Food Service Department
904 Marquette Ave.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

REMINDER: ALL KINDERGARDEN STUDENTS and NEW STUDENTS must pay full price for meals until his /her application has been approved even if his/her siblings receive free or reduced price meals.

DO NOT fill out an application if you receive a letter from us this summer stating that your child is already approved for free meals because you receive food stamps.

Any questions concerning Free/Reduced Applications, please call Brenda Garland at 635-3839 ext. 5828 or email at bgarland@eup.k12.mi.us.

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

With the move to Meal Magic the accounts are no longer family accounts, but individual student accounts. The balances at the end of the school year in each family account either positive or negative was transferred to the oldest student in the family.

LOW BALANCE NOTIFICATIONS

Sault Area Schools sends out messages to parents regarding meal account balances. Notifications will be made to parents with balances of \$5.00 or less, every Friday.

We cannot provide credit; however we provide payment options for parents.

Elementary Level

**Pay in advance with cash or checks at your student's school.
Use credit or debit card with our online payment portal.**

Secondary Level

**Pay with cash at the register daily
Deposit funds with cash or check at the register
Use credit or debit card with our online payment portal.**

Remember these are now individual student accounts and a deposit will need to be made to each student account.

BREAKFAST IS IMPORTANT!

Did you know that students who eat breakfast are able to perform better in school? Research confirms that students who eat breakfast do better in reading and math, are able to be better problem solvers, and are able to behave and concentrate better than students who haven't eaten. Sault Area Schools servers breakfast every day.

Please click on the following links for very important program information. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Garland at 635-3839 ext. 5828 or email bgarland@eup.k12.mi.us.

****Menu Pricing**

****Current Menus**

****District Charge Policy**

****Breakfast Menu**

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