

## **PREPAY FOR SCHOOL MEALS**

Wesclin School District uses a computerized debit system for student lunches. This system (My School Bucks) provides the following benefits:

- No more cash to carry (may not be a benefit to the students!)
- Confidential – free/reduced students are not identified differently than any other student.
- Quicker service lines – more time to eat/socialize.
- Better accountability.
- Payment flexibility (weekly, monthly, credit card, online, etc.)

My School Bucks allows you to pay in advance for meals and/or a la carte foods (juice drinks, cookies, etc). A twelve key PIN pad (a numeric keyboard) is located near the end of the serving line. Students enter their 5-digit student ID number to access their account. (The student ID number can be found on the “Student Schedule” handed out at registration – students should memorize this number). A digital image of the student along with his or her account information appears on the cashier’s monitor. The cashier uses a touch screen to debit the student’s account for the appropriate items and the process is complete. The “digital picture/student ID number” combination assures that students are only accessing their individual account.

Students will still be able to pay cash for meals and a la carte items on a daily basis, however maximum benefits are achieved through the use of advance payment.

Money will only be deducted from the account when the student purchases meals and/or a la carte items. The system will know the status of your student (full pay, free, or reduced) and will deduct the correct amount from the account. There is no limit on the amount of money that can be deposited into a debit account. When an account balance falls below \$5, the cashier will notify the student that additional funds are needed. The completed voucher and accompanying payment should be returned to the cafeteria to update the student’s account. Vouchers are only needed for the initial deposit, but will be available upon request or if changes are desired. Prepayments can be made weekly, monthly, etc.

**Questions about your student’s account should be directed to the cashier of the school by calling your child’s school and asking for the kitchen. Thank you for your cooperation and your participation.**

NOTE: If you think you may qualify for free or reduced meals, PLEASE ask for and complete an application – Everyone (including the school) benefits! Thank you.

## STUDENT DEPOSIT FORM TO BE RETURNED WITH ADVANCE PAYMENT

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please make checks payable to: WESCLIN CUSD #3)**

### IDENTIFY PAYMENT AS FOLLOWS:

CASH ON ACCOUNT Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

PREPAID LUNCH Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

PREPAID BREAKFAST Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Advance Payment Options**

**CASH ON ACCOUNT** -- These funds will be available to your child when purchasing meals **and/or** a la carte foods in the cafeteria. There are no limitations as to what may be purchased or how many purchases may be made.

**PREPAID MEALS ONLY** – These funds will be designated for student meals only. **No** snacks or a la carte food items may be purchased from this account balance. Students may still purchase a la carte or snack items, but must use cash at the time of purchase. Meal prices for 2023/2024 are as follows:

Grade K-4 Breakfast full price \$1.65	Breakfast reduced price \$.30
Grade 5-8 Breakfast full price \$1.75	Breakfast reduced price \$.30
Grade 9-12 Breakfast full price \$1.75	Breakfast reduced price \$.30

Grade K-4 Lunch full price \$2.60	Lunch reduced price \$.40
Grade 5-8 Lunch full price \$2.75	Lunch reduced price \$.40
Grade 9-12 Lunch full price \$2.75	Lunch reduced price \$.40

**PREPAID MEALS AND CASH ON ACCOUNT** -- You may purchase Prepaid Meals **and** put “cash on account”. This option ensures that your child receives a lunch but also allows him or her to purchase a la carte and snack foods. When making a payment for both, please state clearly how much money is for prepaid meals and how much is for “cash on account”.

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS** – To make this option available to you, Wesclin has enrolled with an online payment service called “**My School Bucks**”. This payment option is available only if you have access to the internet. The school cannot accept credit card payments directly. This service allows you to pay for your child’s school meals using your **Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card**. To use the service, you must first enroll at the website. A valid email address is required, as you will receive payment confirmations via email. The school receives a list of credit card payments made on the My School Bucks website each morning. To keep this service free to schools, a small handling fee is added to each payment. The fee covers the credit card processing fees, bank transfer fees and the cost of maintaining the website. More information is available at the My School Bucks website: <http://www.myschoolbucks.com>.

Fill out the form above and return with your first deposit. Make checks payable to: Wesclin CUSD #3. For safety purposes, we recommend that advance payments be sent in the form of a check. **If you are paying for more than one student in the same school, please note how much money is to be designated to each student’s account.** If you do not specify, the deposit amount will be divided equally between siblings’ accounts. If you do not select a payment option, all monies will be deposited under *Cash On Account*.