

REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM



EXPLORE ACADEMY

Dear Explore Academy parents,

We are happy to announce our lunch program for the coming year. As a school which values nutrition and responsible food service to our students, we have chosen an experienced catering company which provides food cooked from scratch with a mindfulness in the ingredients used.

Because we are too small for the providers who normally work the National School Lunch Program, Explore Academy has created its own lunch program, with delicious and nutritious meals served on a sliding scale (see chart below), with pricing tiers at \$2.00, \$3.00, and \$4.00 (full price).

Considering the nutritional value and quality of the food, this price is a bargain compared to what \$4.00 buys at a fast food restaurant. To qualify for a reduced price, parents will be required to fill out our [reduced lunch application](#) and provide TWO (2) pay stubs for each household parent to verify monthly income (or alternative proof of receiving benefits (SNAP, TANIF file number/paperwork)).

It is our desire to offer to every student an opportunity for a hot, nutritious meal each day. We have been meticulous in choosing the service to be used, and we hope that your family can participate and take advantage of this meal plan. Meals are paid for using our electronic system where deposits are made ahead of time (see [deposit portal](#)) and students debit from their accounts while at school when they purchase meals. All meals must be purchased the day before to accurately project lunch counts. Students will not be able to purchase lunch if they have not prepaid. To aid in your selection, we will provide the menu on the school's website and in the cafeteria for each month.

The success of the lunch program is dependent on family participation. If enough families do not participate in the first two terms, Explore Academy cannot afford to maintain the catering service.

\$2.00 PER LUNCH (INCOME-BASED TIER 1)

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	TWICE/MONTH	EVERY 2 WEEKS	WEEKLY
2	\$20,826	\$1,736	\$868	\$801	\$401
3	\$26,208	\$2,184	\$1,092	\$1,008	\$504
4	\$31,590	\$2,633	\$1,317	\$1,215	\$608
5	\$36,972	\$3,081	\$1,541	\$1,422	\$711
6	\$42,354	\$3,530	\$1,765	\$1,629	\$815

\$3.00 PER LUNCH (INCOME-BASED TIER 2)

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	TWICE/MONTH	EVERY 2 WEEKS	WEEKLY
2	\$29,637	\$2,470	\$1,235	\$1,146	\$570
3	\$37,296	\$3,108	\$1,554	\$1,435	\$718
4	\$44,955	\$3,747	\$1,874	\$1,730	\$865
5	\$52,614	\$4,385	\$2,193	\$2,024	\$1,012
6	\$60,273	\$5,023	\$2,512	\$2,319	\$1,160