



REGION 15 FOOD SERVICES

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Important Update Regarding Food Services in Region 15 Schools

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Dear Region 15 Family,

Universal Free Lunch

- Region 15 will continue to provide universal free lunch for all students in Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 through June, 2021. **Please note this applies to *all* Region 15 families regardless of current paid, free or reduced lunch status.** Previously, universal free lunch was expected to be provided through December, 2020.

January 4 - January 8, 2021: Remote “Curbside Meals”

- While Region 15 schools are operating in a remote learning environment, lunch is available to any child (18 and under) at no charge. To help the Food and Nutrition Services Department plan for each child to receive a lunch we ask that you please sign up on the [Region 15 Lunch Registration Form Jan 4, 2021](#). This form is also accessible on our updated COVID-19 website under [Meal Programs / Food Services Information](#).

There are two pick up dates for lunches: **Monday , January 4th and Wednesday January 6th from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm at Pomperaug High School, 234 Judd Road, Southbury.** Please drive to the back of the building. Students do not need to be present at pickup.

- On **Monday, January 4th** you will be provided with two lunches per student (for Monday and Tuesday)
- On **Wednesday, January 6th** you will be provided with three lunches per student (for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday)

We will continue to serve our scheduled lunch menu. Menus can easily be accessed online at [Region 15 Lunch Menus \(www.Region15.org/FoodServices\)](http://www.Region15.org/FoodServices). Reminder that menus are subject to change based on availability of items during the current pandemic. Please note that lunch will not be available when schools are not in session (for example, scheduled days off or snow days).

As a reminder, when we return to in-person instruction in our schools the following information shares details regarding the Universal Free Lunch program:

What type of lunch qualifies as Free Lunch? We very much appreciate you sharing with your child(ren) what qualifies and does not qualify as a “Full Lunch!”

- In order for a student to have a Free lunch, the student must take a complete meal or take what is described as a “Full Lunch.” A “Full Lunch” includes at least 3 of the 5 meal components including a serving of a fruit or vegetable. A complete meal’s components include: Milk (skim, 1% white, nonfat flavored), Fruit, Vegetable, Grains (whole grains), and Protein (including yogurt, string cheese, and hummus).
- If a student does not take a “Full Lunch” they will be charged full price for the lunch.
- Students may only receive one free lunch a day. If a student would like a second lunch, they will need to purchase the second lunch using funds on their lunch account.

What about ala carte items?

If a student wishes to purchase ala carte items, checks or MySchoolBucks can still be used. Ala carte items, including water, snacks, and milk, are still available but not included in the universal free lunch.

My School Bucks:

- Our [MySchool Bucks](#) lunch payment system will continue to operate for students to purchase ala carte items and/or additional lunches.

Other Information:

- School Lunch ID Cards or ID labels with a barcode will continue to be scanned at the cashier checkout. If your student has lost their Lunch ID Card, they can give their name first and last name to the cashier. A new Lunch ID Card can be issued by the Food Service Department at any time.

This program is available through the United States Department of Agriculture.

If at any time you have a question regarding Food Services, please send me an email. Thank you for supporting Region 15 Food Services!

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