

CAFETERIA AND FOOD SERVICE

The Tussey Mountain School district cafeterias utilize a POS (Point of Sale) System at all locations. Confidentiality of paid/free/reduced student meals is excellent. Accountability of students purchases/payments and balances has never been more accessible. Student cafeteria accounts should always have a positive balance. No ala carte charges will be permitted unless there is money in the account. Payments are preferred by check rather than cash and are to be in a cafeteria envelope or an envelope with the following information on the outside: (1. student name, 2. amount enclosed, 3. date, 4. grade level of student.)

Questions concerning the cafeteria accounts should be directed to the Office Aide at the elementaries or the Cafeteria Secretary at the high school. Other Questions concerning menus, cafeteria operations, etc. should be referenced to the Head cook or the Food Service director.

All cafeterias serve the National School Lunch and Breakfast Patterns as required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The lunch supplies 1/3 of the child's daily nutritional requirements. The lunch pattern consists of: 2 oz./3 oz. meat or meat alternate, two or more servings of vegetables or fruit or both to total 1 cup, two/three servings of bread or bread alternate and 1/2 pint fluid milk (must offer more than one form of milk items). The high school offers a choice of two lunch patterns plus the ala-carte.

The breakfast pattern consists of: 1/2 pint fluid milk (must offer more than one form of milk items), 1/2 cup of fruit or vegetable or 1/2 cup of full strength fruit or vegetable juice, one slice of whole grain or enriched bread or 3/4 cup of whole grain, enriched or fortified cereal and 1 oz. serving of meat or meat alternate as often as possible.

Breakfast Prices:	Elementary	\$1.10
	Secondary	\$1.10
Lunch Prices:	Elementary.....	\$2.05
	Secondary	\$2.05
Reduced Breakfast	Elementary	\$.30
	Secondary.....	\$.30
Reduced Lunch	Elementary.....	\$.40
	Secondary.....	\$.40

The National School Lunch Program not only offers free/reduced breakfast and lunch throughout the school year to those students who are eligible, but also provides the school district with necessary funding. The school district may also be eligible for additional state and/or federal dollars based on the number of students eligible to participate in the free/reduced lunch program, which enhances the district's ability to fund educational programs.

Now families that have children attending a public school district can apply for free or reduced price meals through the National School Lunch Program online using the Internet! This can be done using COMPASS. COMPASS allows Pennsylvanian's to apply for social service programs, such as Food Stamps (FS), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Energy Assistance, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), etc., online. Families can use COMPASS to apply for reduced school meals only, or they can apply for other services at the same time (FS, TANF, etc.).

Since your child attends Tussey Mountain School District, which is a public school district, you can apply for free or reduced price meals online by going to the COMPASS website at www.compass.state.pa.us or you can continue to use the paper "Household Meal Benefit Application" if you prefer. If you apply for free or reduced price school meals through COMPASS, you do not need to submit a paper application. Please contact the Tussey Mountain district Cafeteria Office at 635-2975, ext 1189 if you have any questions.

Your child (ren) may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits of this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART			
For School Year 2011 – 2012			
Family Size	Free Meals or Milk (130% of Poverty Guidelines)	Reduced Price Meals (185% of Poverty Guidelines)	Not Eligible
1	\$0 to \$14,157	\$14,158 to \$20,147	\$20,148 and up
2	\$0 to \$19,123	\$19,124 to \$27,214	\$27,215 and up
3	\$0 to \$24,089	\$24,090 to \$34,281	\$34,282 and up
4	\$0 to \$29,055	\$29,056 to \$41,348	\$41,349 and up
5	\$0 to \$34,021	\$34,022 to \$48,415	\$48,416 and up
6	\$0 to \$38,987	\$38,988 to \$55,482	\$55,483 and up
7	\$0 to \$43,953	\$43,954 to \$62,549	\$62,550 and up
8	\$0 to \$48,919	\$48,920 to \$69,616	\$69,617 and up
For Each Additional Family Member Add:	+\$4,966	+\$7,067	+\$7,068

The Tussey Mountain School District provides a breakfast and/or lunch regardless of negative balances in his/her account. However, ala carte items will not be charged to a student's delinquent account.

When a student's account reaches a negative balance of \$10.00, the parent/guardian will be sent a notification letter from the Cafeteria Supervisor requesting payment. When a student's account reaches a negative balance of \$15.00, the student will receive a modified breakfast and/or lunch until the account is paid in full.