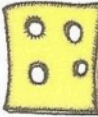





# School Nutrition Program

## Child Nutrition Information



**The Varnett Public School** participates in the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program and offers students a nutritionally balanced lunch and breakfast each day. The district follows the federal and state guidelines regarding foods of minimal nutritional value being served or sold on school premises during the school day. The district maintains compliance with the Texas School Nutrition Policy. Nutrition Policy information is available at [www.squaremeals.com](http://www.squaremeals.com).



Free and reduced-price meals are available based on financial need to families who qualify. Children who are eligible for this program receive the same meals as all other students. Information about a student's participation in the free and reduced price meal program is confidential. Free and reduced price meal applications are distributed at the start of the school year. Meal applications are available on each campus and the Child Nutrition office throughout the year. An application may be requested during the school year if a family's financial situation changes.



A student may bring a lunch from home or purchase lunch in the cafeteria. Students are not allowed to share their meals with other students. Parents are welcome to come and eat with their children. The parent **must either** purchase a meal at the school, or bring in an outside meal for themselves. Meals purchased by the student are for the child's consumption as part of their nutrition during the school day. Parents must not eat from a tray that was purchased for the student.

### Meal Prices

Meal prices are as follows:

Student Lunch: \$2.25

Adult/Guest Lunch: \$3.00


Student Lunch Reduced Price \$.40

Student Breakfast: Free

Adult/Guest Breakfast \$1.50



### Charge Policy:



Federal regulations do not require that a school district allow a student to charge a meal creating a negative account balance. As a service to Varnett Public School parents, the Child Nutrition department allows students to only charge up to a certain amount for meals. \$6.00 is the charge limit for students paying full price. \$2.00 is the charge limit for students paying reduced price. If a student's account reaches the charge limit of \$6.00 (paid) or \$2.00 (reduced) and the student does not have money to pay, the child will receive an alternative meal consisting of crackers, cheese stick, fruit and milk as a courtesy. Students will be given notices as their account balances become low or negative. All student accounts must be free from a negative balance at the close of the school year. Please note that money received from the parent will deduct from the student's negative balance first.



### Non Discrimination Statement:

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