



## Be Prepared: Student Meals Checklist

*Everything you need to know about student meals!*

### Did you know Fulton County provides FREE meals?

With the temporary expansion of Child Nutrition Waivers, USDA has approved flexibilities to support meal distribution due to COVID-19. The extension of these waivers allows Fulton County to implement flexibilities around school meals for students. Fulton County will continue to provide free meals to all children 18 & under, or under the age of 21 for youth with special needs. All children, regardless of school enrollment or meal eligibility status, can receive free meals. A student's ID Number or Student Meal Barcode is not needed to receive a FREE grab & go meal kit.

### Have you completed a Free & Reduced Meal Application for the 2020-2021 school year?

Did you know free & reduced-price meal applications benefit your family and your school?! Even though all students will receive free meals, households still need to complete free & reduced meal applications every school year. If there is an interruption in benefits or the household does not reapply, the household is responsible for payment of meals until the application is approved.

The Free & Reduced Meal Benefits Program is a part of the National Child Nutrition Program. This program makes Free or Reduced priced meals available to qualifying households. Qualifications are based on the gross income of all household members and the number of persons living in the house.

- Free & Reduced Meal Applications support the entire district!
  - Athletics – discounted fees for pay to play
  - School Funding – increased funding to support students' access to top-notch education
  - Computer Network – additional funding for internet access & wireless service
  - College Applications – discounts for fees associated with college application processes
  - Standardized Tests – Discount fees for SAT, ACT & AP tests
  - School Meals – Free or reduced price for nutritious & balanced school meals
- Free & Reduced Meal Applications are available online for the 2020-2021 school year. Visit [www.fulton.schoollunchapp.com](http://www.fulton.schoollunchapp.com) to begin the online application process.

### Will meals be provided for students attending school face to face during Phase III and Phase IV?

YES! Students attending school face-to-face will receive free meals during their school's scheduled mealtimes. Nutritious and delicious student favorites will be provided at breakfast and lunch. At breakfast this includes one entrée, one fruit, one juice, and/or milk. At lunch this includes, one entrée, two vegetables, one fruit, and/or milk. These meals do NOT need to be pre-ordered. Meals will be accounted for using a no-contact cashiering method.

Limited extra sale items will be available. Students will be charged for any extra sale items they order such as additional entrees, additional sides, bottled water, or ice cream. For contactless transactions, families are encouraged to load funds to their student's meal account through [MyPaymentsPlus](#).

Student Meal Barcodes will be used to purchase extra sale items. Visit <https://nutrition.fultonschools.org/BarCode> and follow the on-screen instructions to receive your Student Meal Barcode.

**Will meals be provided for students not attending school face to face during Phase III and Phase IV?**

YES! Curbside Pick-Up AND Bus Stop Pick-Up locations will be open on Wednesdays for participants receive free Grab & Go Meal Kits. Pick-up a free grab & go meal kit from any Fulton County School Curbside Pick-Up OR any designated Bus Stop location. Children do not have to be present to receive a free grab & go meal kit. A student's ID number is not needed to receive a free grab & go meal kit.

Each grab & go meal kit will contain 10 meals - five breakfasts and five lunches - to feed students until the next meal kit distribution. Grab & go meal kits contain a variety of kid-friendly choices such as whole-grain rich breakfast cereals, 100% fruit juice, and assorted fresh fruits and vegetables. Grab & go meal kits also include reheat-ready choices such as whole-grain rich grilled cheese sandwiches. Meal safety, reheating instructions, and a menu are provided in the meal kit.

There are two ways of picking up grab & go meal kits: **Curbside Pick-Up OR Bus Stop Pick-Up.**

- **Curbside Pick-Up** will be available at **95** Fulton County Schools on Wednesdays from 11:00-1:00. Curbside Pick-Up provides an opportunity for families to drive-thru and pick-up free grab & go meal kits for all children 18 & under. To maximize social distancing, drivers are not to leave their vehicles; however, walk-ups are allowed. **For a full listing of Curbside Pick-Up Locations please visit [HERE](#).**
- **Bus Stop Pick-Up** is available at designated locations on Wednesdays from 10:45-12:00. For families unable to pick-up grab & go meal kits at a school, Bus Stop locations serve as another option to pick-up free grab & go meal kits. Pick-up a free grab & go meal kit from any of the designated Bus Stop locations near you. Children do not have to be present to receive a free grab & go meal kit. A student's ID number is not needed to receive a free grab & go meal kit. Due to the amount of food provided, please bring something to help you carry the meal kit(s) home. **For a full listing of designated Bus Stop Pick-Up Locations please visit [HERE](#).**

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**Do I need to pre-order grab & go meal kits?**

Yes! Families need to pre-order grab & go meal kits each week. Grab & go meal kits need to be pre-ordered online by Tuesday at 11:59 p.m. Non-FCS students must also complete the pre-order form to help with order forecasting. Grab & go meal kits will continue to be free for all children 18 & under. Families will provide the number of requested grab & go meal kits and choose from a list of pick-up locations, Curbside from a Fulton County School OR at a designated Bus Stop. [CLICK HERE](#) for the online pre-order form.

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**What to do at a Curbside Pick-Up:**

1. Arrive at a Curbside Pick-Up on Wednesday between 11:00 and 1:00 pm.
2. To maximize social distancing, drivers are not to leave their vehicles; however, walk-ups are allowed.
3. When at the front of the line, a School Nutrition Employee will ask you how many meal kit(s).
  - Fulton County is able to provide FREE meals to all children under the age of 18, or under the age of 21 for youth with special needs. All children, regardless of school enrollment or meal eligibility status, can receive FREE meals.
4. School Nutrition Employees will then gather the meal kit(s) for your child(ren).
  - Meal kits will contain 10 meals - 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches.
5. To maximize social distancing, School Nutrition Employees have been instructed to place meal kits in the trunk of cars.
  - Make sure to unlock and open trunks.

- Please make sure there is room in the trunk. If the trunk is full, you will be asked to pull over and make room for the meals and then return to the drive-thru.
- 6. Once all meal kits are placed in the trunk, a School Nutrition Employee will close the trunk and you may safely drive away.
  - All meal kits will include items that can be reheated at home. Meal safety, reheating instructions, and a menu will be provided in meal kits.
  - Wash hands with soap and water before handling food.
  - Perishable (cold) food that is not eaten immediately upon delivery should be refrigerated as soon as possible.
  - Discard any perishable (cold) that is not eaten or refrigerated within 2 hours of delivery.
- 7. Curbside Pick-Up will continue every Wednesday.

**☐ What to do at a Bus Stop Pick-Up:**

1. Arrive at a designated bus stop nearest you on Wednesday between 10:45 and 12:00.
  - Please keep your social distance when standing in line at a Bus Stop.
2. When at the front of the line, a School Nutrition Employee will ask you how many meal kit(s).
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