

## PUBLIC NOTICATION AND MEALS CHARGE POLICY SY2019-20

#### STUDENT MEAL PRICES

All E.L. Haynes students are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack each and every day. E.L. Haynes provides breakfast and afternoon snacks to all students free of charge. Lunch is provided to all students at varying costs (i.e. free, reduced-priced, or regular-priced meals) depending on your student's status.

## **SY2019-20 STUDENT MEAL PRICES**

- Breakfast- Free (No cost)
- Elementary (Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade) lunch- \$3.15
- Secondary (5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) lunch- \$3.15
- Afternoon Snack- Free (No cost)

## SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

To enroll your student(s) in the school lunch program, please contact your school's Operations Manager for more information:

- Sebastien Durand, Elementary School, <u>sdurand@elhaynes.org</u>, 202-667-4446 ext. 2002
- Elsi Cruz, Middle School, <u>ecruz@elhaynes.org</u>, 202-667-4446 ext. 1002
- Carolyn Frezell, High School, <u>cfrezzell@elhaynes.org</u> 202-667-4446 ext. 3002

Your student(s) may qualify for free or reduced-priced lunch through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). In order to determine whether your student(s) qualify for free or reduced-priced lunch, you must complete the <u>Free and Reduced Meal (FARM) application</u>.

We strongly encourage <u>all</u> families to complete the FARM application to determine whether or not your student(s) qualify for free or reduced priced meals. You can apply online via <u>Infinite Campus</u> under "Forms and Applications".

E.L. Haynes students who qualify for free or reduced-priced meals will receive a lunch at no charge to the student's family. Please note that students who are found eligible for free or reduced-priced meals will automatically receive daily lunch.

Students who do not qualify for free or reduced priced meals, or have not yet completed the FARM application, are required to pay for lunch. If you wish to purchase a regular price lunch for your student, you must place an order with the Front Office at least a week in advance. If your

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student forgets to bring lunch, a school lunch will be provided to them and the cost of the lunch will be reflected in your student's Infinite Campus account.

NOTE: E.L. Haynes provides all students with the same lunch (i.e. no alternate lunch) regardless of payment status.

#### STUDENT MEAL PAYMENT

You will receive a notice each month with the outstanding balance for lunches your student(s) received throughout the previous month. You can see the full list of which days your student(s) received lunch in your student's Infinite Campus account. If your student(s) do not qualify for free or reduce-priced meals, you are responsible for paying the outstanding balance each month.

You can either pay for your student(s) lunches in Infinite Campus (see instructions below) or by submitting cash or a check to your school's Front Office. All checks should be made payable E.L. Haynes Public Charter School.

To pay for your student(s) lunch in Infinite Campus:

- 1. Login to Infinite Campus at elhaynes.infinitecampus.org
- 2. On the left menu pane, under "Family", click "Payments"
- 3. Add the amount you would like to pay in the Payment column and follow the instructions

You also have the option to pre-pay for your student's lunches by adding funds to your student's account using Infinite Campus. A charge of \$3.15 will be deducted from your student's account each time s/he receives a school lunch.

Insufficient Funds and Overdue Balances

Your student is able to receive a school lunch regardless of the status of their account. There is no limit to the amount of negative balances a student can accrue. Your student will continue to accrue negative balances until you put additional funds into their account. When you add funds to your student's account, it will first pay off the negative balance. If your student accrues a significant negative balance, you will receive a formal notice from E.L. Haynes' Chief Operations Officer outlining next steps for repaying the outstanding funds.

We understand that the costs associated with school lunch can present financial challenges for many families and strongly encourage all families to complete the <u>Free and Reduce Meals (FARM) application</u>. We will work with families on an individual basis to establish feasible payment plans and/or identify alternative options for addressing outstanding balances.



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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the <u>USDA Program Discrimination</u> <u>Complaint Form</u>, (AD-3027) found online at:

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\_filing\_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form.

To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) Mail: US Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20250-9410;

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: <u>Program.Intake@usda.gov</u>.

Also, the District of Columbia Human Right Act, approved December 13, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-38; DC Official Code §2-1402.11(2006), as amended) states the following:

Pertinent section of DC Code § 2-1402.11:

It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice to do any of the following acts, wholly or partially for a discriminatory reason based upon the actual or perceived: race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family responsibilities, genetic information, disability, matriculation, or political affiliation of any



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individual. To file a complaint alleging discrimination on one of these bases, please contact the District of Columbia's Office of Human Rights at (202) 727- 3545.

For all questions about the USDA National School Lunch Program at E.L. Haynes contact Sebastien Durand at <a href="mailto:sdurand@elhaynes.org">sdurand@elhaynes.org</a>.