

EWEN-TROUT CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
14312 Airport Rd.
Ewen, MI 49925

**FOOD SERVICE GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES
FOR PARENTS/STUDENTS**

Breakfast is free to all students. Breakfast is a healthy start to a day for everyone and especially important for children. We encourage all students to participate in school breakfast.

Our school uses the offer vs. serve in our school meals program. Students are allowed to decline some food items and select food they intend to eat. The minimum required components must be selected in order for the meal to be reimbursable. Incomplete meals may be charged as ala carte.

Lunch prices this year are \$2.80 for Grades K-5 and \$3.10 for Grades 6-12.

Our school food service program is managed by PowerLunch, which is part of the PowerSchool platform. Students are given an individual account number, which stays with them throughout their school years. When students go through the line for breakfast or lunch, they type their account numbers into the keypad at the end of the line. The system automatically charges their account the appropriate amount.

Payment for student meals should be made in advance. You and/or your child can bring payment to the building secretary, business manager, cafeteria or you can send it by mail. We accept deposits of any amount. Charges are made on the account when your child takes a lunch/milk and keys in their unique account number. School meal accounts should NEVER be in the negative. Deposits should be made in advance to maintain a positive balance. Lunch account notices will be sent at least bi-weekly to families with account balances equal to or greater than negative \$5.00.

If a student's account balance becomes negative over \$10.00 the student may not be served a hot lunch. A cold lunch will be substituted and the parents/guardian will be notified that charging on the account will no longer be allowed until a satisfactory deposit is made.

Student accounts should NOT have negative balances at the end of the school year. Every effort will be made to collect balances prior to the last day of the fiscal year. Any balances remaining will be paid by non-Food Service funds.

Parents/Guardians may contact the school business office or the building secretary during regular school hours at 906-813-0620 to inquire about your child's lunch account balance. You may also check your child's account balance by logging into your

PowerSchool account. The email notification function in PowerSchool can also be enabled to have periodic account balance reports sent to your personal email account.