



WASHINGTON LATIN

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

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Washington Latin Meals Program

Our organization, Washington Latin Public Charter Schools, is currently operating in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program at 5200 2nd Street, NW and at 711 Edgewood Street, NE and will serve all children a nutritional meal and will not discriminate. Please contact Martita Fleming (mfleming@latinpcs.org) with questions.

Pricing Policy

Washington Latin makes breakfast and lunch available to every student. All students may choose to take school breakfast or lunch on any day without prior notification or sign-up. Students come through the meal service line and those who take all components required to make up a reimbursable meal are asked to enter their unique code on a keypad to be captured by the lunch tracking system. An adult (usually the Food Service Manager) will refer to the student's name and photo, and possibly refer to the student by name to ensure the correct student's meal is being recorded.

Breakfast is free to all students, and lunch costs \$4/day unless your family qualifies for Free and Reduced Meals (FARMs). Families who are not eligible for FARMs will receive an invoice roughly once a quarter for all reimbursable lunches requested by students in that family. A reimbursable lunch consists of at least three of five main food groups as defined by the National School Lunch Program (Milk, Fruit, Whole Grain, Vegetable, and Meat or Meat Alternate). Students taking at least three components will be asked to enter their ID number and families will be charged for that meal. Students may take all five components for the same price. Students taking only one or two components (generally milk or fruit) will not be charged; fruit and milk are available in unlimited quantities at no cost.

Parents are asked to pay their child's lunch invoice upon receipt. Unpaid charges will roll-over into the next billing cycle, and families with balances in excess of \$150 may receive a follow-up call from one or more school administrators. Families who have not submitted a Free and Reduced Meal application but who may qualify for the program will be encouraged to submit an application at that time. Families who do not qualify for FARMs will be placed on a payment plan designed to ensure full payment by the end of the school year. Washington Latin will never overtly identify a child with an outstanding lunch balance, either by refusing to serve the standard meal and offering an alternate meal instead, or by any other means.

In August, prior to the start of the school year, the Director of Operations will send out invoices to families with outstanding balances from the prior year. This communication will strongly urge them to make payments before the start of the new school year and will include an electronic copy of the Free and Reduced Meal application to remind families to complete it they believe they may qualify.

Families who do not qualify for FARMs but are having challenges meeting this obligation should contact Martita Fleming (mfleming@latinpcs.org) to discuss payment plans or similar arrangements. Unless alternative arrangements have been made, parents are expected to pay their child's lunch bill each quarter upon receipt of the invoice.