

Lunch Notes:

1. **New students to Advantage Academy (even those with returning siblings) must bring a lunch from home or money to purchase meals until an application is submitted and processed.**
2. The meal benefits for **returning students** will continue for 30 days or until a new application is submitted. If a current application is not submitted within the 30 days the benefits will expire.
3. Advantage Academy does **not** extend credit for meals, so **please see that your child has money for meals or a lunch from home for the first day of school and until the application for meal benefits has been processed and approved.**
4. Meals can be prepaid online at mynutrikids.com, you will need your child's ID number and the zip code for your campus; or before the school day begins in the cafeteria by check or cash.
5. Please **do not send microwaveable meals** to school for your children in grades K-5 as they are not permitted to use a microwave oven. School personnel are not permitted to warm meals for students.
6. TDA regulations do not allow for students who bring a lunch from home to be stored in school refrigerators.
7. Please instruct your child they are not allowed to share items from a lunch brought from home due to regulations of the Texas Department of Agriculture. (Children are not aware of food allergies of classmates).
8. You can bring a lunch from home or purchased from a restaurant for your own child, but not for any other student according to TDA regulations.
9. In an effort to keep the cafeteria clean and tidy for each lunch hour, your help in reminding your child to clean up his/her area after lunch would be appreciated.
10. All students are expected to follow the rules of conduct in their respective cafeterias and follow the instructions of the lunch monitors and school personnel.
11. **Parents are not allowed to bring pizza, beverages, or any other food items to the cafeteria for students** (other and their own) for birthday or any other celebrations. Parties are restricted to the classroom or as designated by the Campus Principal.
12. Please contact the Child Nutrition Office at 214.276.5848 if you have any questions about the meal program regulations.

Advantage Academy Locations

Grand Prairie

300 W Pioneer Parkway
Grand Prairie, TX 75051
214.276.5800

North Duncanville

4009 & 4011 Joseph Hardin Drive
Dallas, TX 75236
214.276.5800

Rowlett

8200 Schrade Road
Rowlett, TX 75088
214.276.5800

Waxahachie

701 W Hwy 287 Bypass
Waxahachie, TX 75165
972.937.9851

Child Nutrition Office

Child Nutrition Coordinator
618 W Wheatland Road
Duncanville, TX 75116
214.276.5848

Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9999 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Advantage Academy offers nutritious meals in our café where all students can enjoy a healthy breakfast and lunch.

We participate in the National School Lunch Program which provides free or reduced-priced breakfast and lunch for those students who qualify based on the income guidelines of the United States Department of Agriculture. You may apply for these benefits for your child by going to our website, advantageisd.org to submit an application online **after August 15th**. A paper application will be sent home with your child on the first day of school if you prefer not to use the online application. All applications will be processed within ten business days after they are received in the Child Nutrition office. **Meal benefits are not retroactive and are not effective until the application has been processed and approved.**

We encourage all students who qualify to participate in the NSLP. All meals served are prepared according to the guidelines of the Texas Department of Agriculture who oversees the National School Lunch Program for Texas Public and Charter Schools.

You will find information about the Child Nutrition program in the Parent/Student Handbook that is posted on our website @ www.advantageisd.org

Apply Online

We are pleased to announce the availability of applying for Free and Reduced Price Meals online!

The process is SAFE, SECURE, PRIVATE, and AVAILABLE anytime, anywhere!



Safe & Secure

We use the highest level of data encryption available, meaning that your information is always safe and guarded.

Private & Available

Apply online in the comfort and privacy of your own home. The online service is available 24/7 anytime, anywhere there is an Internet connection!

Fast

Your data is transmitted to the Advantage Academy Nutrition Office the same day you apply, allowing for quicker processing so you can receive benefits faster. Please be advised that benefits are not retro-active, and will begin once the application is processed and approved.

Go Green

No more paper applications to complete and return to the school office! Applying online is so convenient and good for the environment as well!

Important Note: Students new to Advantage must bring a lunch from home or money to purchase lunch at school until the Application for Meals is processed and approved. Please do not send your child to school without a lunch or money to purchase meals. Students who do not have a lunch or money will be given milk and crackers.

Pay Online

MyNutriKids gives parents a fast, easy, and secure way to add money to their children's school meal accounts (using a credit, debit card or a PayPal account), check their children's current school meal account balances, and monitor what items their children have been purchasing at school.

Features:

- Secure online prepayments via credit / debit card or PayPal™ account
- 24/7 self service access to balances and transaction history
- Low balance email notification based on your pre-set levels
- Self-directed

Go To:



In order to use the online prepayment service, a small convenience fee for each transaction will be assessed. The convenience fee is \$1.75 per deposit transaction. Parents placing money into multiple meal accounts will only be assessed the \$1.75 fee once per deposit transaction. Advantage Academy does not profit from the use of this site.

Instructions for MyNutriKids.com

Registering for MyNutrikids.com

- You will first need your child's student ID number; you may get this number by contacting your child's school or contacting my office.
- **Go www.MyNutrikids.com.**
- Click **Sign Up** and enter the required information.
- Click **Finish** to complete the initial registration process.

Add Students to Your Family Account

- When you log in you will be taken to the homepage.
- Click **MyKids** from the main menu
- This is a listing of the students in your account. It will be empty on your first visit to the site.
- Click **Add Child** and enter the required information.
- Click **Add** (next to your child's name) to continue.
- Click **Add Child** to repeat the process for additional children.
- NOTE: Your child's transaction history report will not display information during the initial account set up process.

How to Make a Deposit

- Click **Deposit Money** located next to **Add Student**.
- Enter an amount in the **Deposit** column next to your child's name.
 - o If you have more than one child, enter the amount you wish to deposit into the column next to each child's name. DO NOT deposit money for your entire family into ONE child's account.
- Click **Calculate**.
- Click **Make Deposit**.
- You will be directed to the PayPal web site to enter your payment information.
 - o You have the option to use your existing PayPal account or a major credit card to make your payment.
 - o If you are using your PayPal account, enter your email address and PayPal password to continue.
 - o If you are using a credit card, enter the required information. For your protection, MyNutrikids.com will not store your financial information.
- Click **Pay Now** when finished.
- Click **Pay** once again to finish the process.