

# Power Lunch – FAQ

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## **How does the Power Lunch system work?**

Money gets added to your child's lunch account via cash or check. The deposit can be added by school cafeteria personnel or by the Food Service Director at Central Office North.

Your child uses his/her School ID card when making purchases in the school cafeteria and the cost of their purchase is automatically deducted from their account balance.

## **What items can be purchased with the Power Lunch account?**

All items for sale in the school cafeterias, with the exception of vending machines items, can be purchased using the Power Lunch system.

## **What is the cost for a lunch at my child's school?**

School lunch costs are as follows:

Elementary Schools: \$2.30

Middle Schools: \$2.65

High School: \$3.10

A la carte items are also available for purchase at the middle and high schools. These items are an additional cost.

## **How can I add money to my child's lunch account?**

Money can be added to your child's lunch account by cash or check only. We are not accepting checks via the internet or credit card transactions at this time. Checks can be mailed to school or brought in by your child.

If you are using one check for two or more children at different schools, we ask that you mail those checks to: Guilford Public Schools, Attn: Food Service Director, P.O. Box 367, Guilford, CT 06437

## **Who should I make checks payable to?**

Please make checks payable to: (School Name) Food Service

## **How much money should I deposit into my child's lunch account?**

The amount you deposit is your own preference and can be adjusted to accommodate your child's eating habits.

You can use the 2009-2010 School Calendar to determine the number of school days in each month. For example, there are 21 school days in October and 17 in November. The monthly number of school days is noted next to the month heading on the calendar. You can use this information to calculate the amount of money your child will need to purchase lunches for any given month. For instance, if you have child at Baldwin Middle School and you want to send in enough money so he/she can purchase a lunch everyday in October, you would need to send in \$55.65. This amount is calculated by multiplying the daily lunch cost (\$2.65) times the number of school days in October (21).

## **What happens to money left on the lunch account at the end of the school year?**

Any monies remaining in your child's lunch account will stay in the account for use during the next school year. If your child is a senior at the high school, his/her funds can be transferred to a sibling's account or you can request a refund at the end of the school year.

## **Can I view my child's lunch account online?**

Yes, student's lunch accounts are viewable at <http://powerschool.guilford.k12.ct.us>