Free and Reduced Meal Program Application Information and Instructions

Naperville 203 offers free and reduced-price school meals and milk to students from households that meet the 2025 federal income eligibility guidelines to qualify under the USDA School Nutrition Programs. All meals provided meet the USDA requirements. Detailed information regarding which items are included in a Free or Reduced lunch will be included with acceptance letters.

Students currently receiving food stamps (SNAP) or "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families" (TANF) or are pre-certified by the state or are certified based on the income reported on the Illinois All-Kids or Medicaid application do not need to fill out an application if the family receives a pre-certification letter from Naperville 203. Pre-certification letters will be provided before the start of the school year.

Beginning July 1, 2024, you may either

Apply Online

Visit https://www.myschoolapps.com/

- Select state (IL) and district (Naperville CUSD 203)
- Follow the step-by-step screens to enter student and household information
- Click "Apply" to submit your application

Or

Complete a paper application

Applications are available

- On the following NCUSD 203 website (<u>www.naperville203.org</u>) path: Department & Services Menu dropdown; Nutrition Services; then Free and Reduced Meal Program link
- At all schools and the District Administrative Building
- By emailing mswope@naperville203.org to request an application be mailed to your home

Fax: 630-420-4053

You may return the application to your school or send via email, fax or mail to Michelle Swope:

Email: mswope@naperville203.org

NCUSD 203 Business Office 203 W. Hillside Rd. Naperville, IL 60540

<u>Please DO NOT contact the district regarding eligibility status updates. Starting July 1, 2024 and (1-10 days) after you apply **PLEASE** check your email daily for your eligibility status letter.</u>

Important Things to Know about your School Nutrition Programs

National School Lunch & School Breakfast Programs

- Student meal accounts are automatically linked to their student ID#
- Meal accounts do not require parental setup nor permission
- Every food item served in the cafeteria has a cost
- The Illinois Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act requires every school in the State to provide a federally reimbursable meal to any student requesting a meal, regardless of whether the student has the ability to pay for the meal or owes money for earlier meals. The school district is not responsible when students eat meals without parental permission. When this occurs, payment for those meals is required. Parents are encouraged to establish and routinely check their MySchoolBucks account(s) and establish an understanding with their student to prevent eating school meals without parent permission and/or when meals are provided from home
- Additionally, Naperville 203 provides parent notifications once per semester for any student that has a negative meal balance

Enroll in MySchoolBucks.com - enrollment is easy!

For Parents

Create a free account and easily make payments online and on-the-go. Sign up today >



Check cafeteria balances & purchases



Receive low balance alerts



Set up automatic payments



Pay for school-related items

- Go to www.MySchoolBucks.com or download the mobile app and register for a free account
- Add your student(s) using their school name and student ID
- Make a payment to your students' accounts with your credit/debit card or electronic check.
 A transaction fee may apply when funding less than \$100 per student/transaction. You will have the opportunity to review any fees and cancel if you choose before incurring charges
- Deposits can also be received at the district office: attention Business Office