

APS Strategic Plan
2018-2024

Food & Nutrition Services Presentation

Return to School Task Force
August 24, 2020

INCLUSION * EXCELLENCE * INNOVATION





Meal Services since March 16

- Food & Nutrition Services has provided meals to children 2-18 since the closure
- Meal distribution continued over the summer months
- Nine locations are currently operating Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- Almost 460,000 meals have been served during this time



**FREE
GRAB-N-GO
MEALS** For kids 2-18 yrs
M/W/F 11am-1pm

Barcroft | Barrett | Campbell
Drew | Glebe | Hoffman-Boston
Key | Kenmore | Randolph



Meal Services during the School Year

- APS will transition from serving free meals for all students under the national Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) on September 8 when school begins
- Meal distribution will pause the week of August 31 as we make the transition
 - The meal served Friday, August 28 will include meals for Friday, Saturday, and Monday
- We will adjust services to fulfill the requirements of the National School Lunch Program and to best meet the needs of all our students during the school year in full-time distance learning
- Meals will continue to be provided Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
 - Meals provided Monday and Wednesday will include a meal for the following day



Meal Services during the School Year

- Meals will be available for ALL students
- Students are required to provide their student ID number to receive a meal
- Parents and/or guardians will be able to pick up meals for their children if they provide the student ID number of each child
- Students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals will continue to receive free meals
- Students who do not qualify for free or reduced-price meals will be required to pay for their meals, as they normally do during the school year. This is a requirement of the National School Lunch Program
 - Many students have balances remaining on their lunch accounts which they will be able to access when school starts



Meal Distribution Locations

- APS will be expanding the meal distribution locations at schools from the current 9 locations to 21 locations, as follows:
 - Abingdon
 - Arlington Career Center
 - Arlington Traditional
 - Ashlawn
 - Barcroft
 - Barrett
 - Campbell
 - Carlin Springs
 - Dr. Charles R. Drew
 - Glebe
 - Gunston
 - Hoffman-Boston
 - Jefferson
 - Kenmore
 - Key
 - Randolph
 - Swanson
 - The Heights
 - Wakefield
 - Washington-Liberty
 - Yorktown



Meal Distribution Locations

- 5 schools will be operating under the Community Eligibility Program which entitles ALL students at those schools to receive free meals
 - Barcroft, Barrett, Carlin Springs, Dr. Charles R. Drew, and Randolph
- We will also be providing meal delivery and distribution to 10 locations throughout the County using APS vehicles
 - Transportation staff and Food Services staff will work collaboratively to bring meals to those locations and collect student ID numbers
 - We are working to ensure we have permission to distribute meals on those properties we have identified for meal delivery. We will provide those locations as soon as those details are finalized



Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications

- To receive the Free and Reduced-Price Meals benefit, families need to submit a new household application at the start of each school year
- Families that were eligible for meals last year will have until October 19, 2020 to reapply without losing benefits
- Families receiving SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) or Medicaid benefits may not have to fill out an application
- Students attending the 5 schools in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) do not need to have an application on file. However, siblings attending non-CEP schools still need to apply
- APS is conducting outreach to inform all families about the application process using multiple methods:
 - Notification letters mailed to students who are directly certified to receive free and reduced-price meals
 - Distributing notices about the process at APS meal sites
 - Providing paper applications at APS meal sites and distribution locations
 - Promoting through the APS website, press release, School Talk, text, video, and robocall in multiple languages during the week of August 24
 - Ongoing alerts and reminders through October 19