**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SCHOOL NUTRITION**

**School Year 2024-2025**

**1. What meals are served?**

Lawrence County Schools serve both breakfast and lunch daily.

**2. What are the meal prices?**

All of our brick-and-mortar schools in Lawrence County qualify for Community Eligible Provision (CEP) based on the criteria set forth by USDA. This means all students can get a complete breakfast and lunch, regardless of their eligibility, **at no charge** for SY 24-25. Any money currently in accounts will remain and can be used to purchase meals and/or a la carte when the free program ends. Charging of a la carte is not allowed.

No one will need to complete a free and reduced application for SY 24-25. However, we may ask for a household survey to see who is in households together to possibly help keep the program.

**3. Must my child take all food items?**

Lawrence County Schools is an Offer vs. Serve System except for our Pre-K and any transported meals. Each student may choose to decline up to two items at lunch and one item at breakfast. However, they must take a fruit or vegetable serving at lunch and a fruit serving at breakfast.

**4. How can I put money into my child’s cafeteria account?**

There are several different ways to place money into your child’s account.

• Send a check or cash with your child. However, we do not encourage sending cash with your child.

•You can stop by your child’s cafeteria to make a payment.

•You can pay online at www.schoolcafe.com.

Please remember when paying by check you must have your child’s name on the check.

**5. What if my child does not have money in their account for a la carte items?**

Lawrence County Schools cannot allow a la carte items to be charged. There must be money in the account or your child must have cash to purchase a la carte.

**6. How may I check on my child’s/children’s account balance?**

Once you create an account at www.schoolcafe.com you can view your child’s account at any time. You may also call the Nutrition Department at 931-762-3581.

**7. Where can I fill out an application for free and reduced-priced meals?**

For SY 2024-2025, no free and reduced applications will need to be submitted, however, you may be asked to complete a household survey. Due to qualifying for CEP, all students eat at no charge, regardless of eligibility.

**8. Who may I contact with questions or concerns?**

You are welcome to contact your child’s cafeteria manager at their school, or the Lawrence County School Nutrition Department at 931-762-3581.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.