

H. W. PORTER SCHOOL HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

The Food Service Staff looks forward to serving you and your children. The Board of Education has voted to become a Healthy Food Certified School in which the Connecticut Nutrition Standards apply to all sources of food sales on school premises at all times. Policies of this program will be attached to the school web page.

Lunch may be purchased one of two ways: with cash or the card-swipe/pin number system. Cash purchases work best for families who do not wish to maintain a positive balance on the card-swipe account. The card-swipe system works best for families who wish to apply a weekly, monthly or larger period of lunch purchases. Students using the card-swipe system can purchase only one lunch per day using their card/pin number; all other sales must be made in cash (milk without a lunch purchase, snacks, and drinks). Charging of a hot lunch meal is **not allowed** under Board of Education policy. If a student comes to lunch without a meal, cash, or a positive account balance they will receive a cold lunch containing a PB&J sandwich, fruit, veggie, and milk after the third charged meal. (If the student is allergic to peanut butter he/she will receive a cheese sandwich.) Negative balance notices are mailed from the school and phone calls from the Alert Now system will inform you of a negative balance.

The card-swipe system payments must be made in advance of lunch purchases via cash, check, or credit/debit to the Food Service Staff or online (see link at www.hwporter.org) we now accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and Debit cards at the school for your convenience. The H. W. Porter Hot Lunch Program is not responsible for lost or stolen money/swipe card.

If you believe your child may be eligible for free/reduced lunch, applications from the State of Connecticut Department of Education may be obtained in the Main Office of H. W. Porter School, online, and in the first day of school packet. You may complete this application at any time during the school year. **If your child received free/reduced lunch benefits last year, a new application must be completed to continue those benefits for the 2017-2018 school year.**

2017-2018 Lunch Prices

Student meal (includes milk):	\$3.00
Milk (without purchasing lunch):	\$0.50
100% Juices	\$1.00
Water, 16oz:	\$1.00
Baked Snacks and Ice Cream	\$0.75

Questions related to the H. W. Porter Hot Lunch Program should be directed to Heather Plourde, Food Service Coordinator at hplourde@eastconn.org.