



## **Cedar Grove Public Schools**

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On August 24, 2021 families and caregivers received notification about Cedar Grove Public Schools entering the USDA Child Nutrition Program. With this new addition, our contracted food service provider, Pomptonian, has provided menus and online ordering options for families, caregivers and students. For more information on Pomptonian, please visit <https://www.pomptonian.com/>.

### **Elementary**

Families who are interested in ordering lunches from Pomptonian to be served during school hours can access ordering online at <https://mymealorder.com/>.

Families will need to register by clicking on the Login button on the main page.



Once directed to the page, you will be prompted to create an account. Click on the Create Free Account and select New Jersey and Cedar Grove School District.

This portal will allow you to pre order meals for your child(ren) at the elementary level ONLY. This portal will be active as of August 26, 2021.

For further guidance, please contact Marie Criscuolo at [criscuol.marie@cgschools.org](mailto:criscuol.marie@cgschools.org).

### **Middle and High School**

Families who are interested in a faster, contactless food service at the middle and high school from Pomptonian can load their child's account by visiting <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>.

1. Login or register at <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>
2. Click the link in the email provided by Pay School Central following registration to continue- the link is only valid for 30 minutes.
3. Add students(s) and payment method(s).

### **Reminders**

- For the 2021/22 school year, all students who attend Cedar Grove Public Schools, regardless of their Free and Reduced Lunch status, are eligible for one free lunch per day.
- All a la carte items (chips, cookies etc.) and additional daily lunches will need to be purchased individually.

### **Free or Reduced Lunch Forms**

- The importance of filling out the Free and Reduced lunch form helps with Federal/Title funding for the district.
- The accuracy of funding depends on the participation of the community.
- If families qualify, the Federal Government uses a formula to help determine the need for district financial support. This is what the ESSER money(COVID Support) was based on this year.
- This also allows Cedar Grove to be accurately compared to similar districts according to the state.
- To access the Free and Reduced Lunch form please visit <https://www.cgschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/2021-2022-Free-and-Reduced-Lunch-Application.pdf>

### **Why is it important to complete the free/reduced lunch application?**

There are three important reasons to fill out the free/reduced lunch application:

- If your child qualifies for free or reduced price lunches, they qualify for free or reduced price breakfasts at school as well. We want to help your child eat healthy meals at school.

- Your child may receive other school benefits. The number of applications that are returned and approved can affect how much funding our schools get to help students meet academic benchmarks, including grant funding for materials like books and computers.
- The New Jersey Department of Education uses free or reduced price eligibility percentages in its methodology for determining "peer groups" for school and school district performance reports. The completeness and accuracy of our free and reduced price eligibility data helps to ensure fairness in performance evaluation across schools and school districts so that our schools receive the support and/or recognition that they deserve and need.

Some parents are concerned about listing income amounts and social security numbers on the application. Any personal information you provide will not be shared:

- Free and reduced price meal applications are confidential. Your information will be used to determine your child's eligibility for the school meal programs. And, pursuant to New Jersey law, unless you opt out using the enclosed form, we will inform Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare if your child may be eligible for free or low-cost health insurance. We cannot share your information for any other purpose without your written permission.
- Students who receive free and reduced price meals are not identified. No other students, staff, or teachers need to know who is receiving free or reduced meals and who has paid meals.

For more information on Cedar Grove Lunch Program and current menus, please visit <https://www.cgschools.org/food-services/> or contact Marie Criscuolo at [criscuol.marie@cgschools.org](mailto:criscuol.marie@cgschools.org).

Very truly yours,  
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