



GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Food Service Department

195 Federal Street, Suite 100, Greenfield, MA 01301

Eliza Calkins, School Food Service Director

Email elical1@gpsk12.org

Dear Families of Greenfield Public Schools,

The Greenfield Public Schools are committed to providing healthy school nutrition and reducing food insecurity. For many years, we have participated in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) which provides **free meals to all students at eligible schools**, regardless of whether or not their family would qualify for free/reduced lunch. **We are very pleased to announce that our CEP is expanding to include new schools for the 2020-2021 school year.** The schools that are now eligible to participate in CEP will be:

- **Greenfield Middle School,**
- **Greenfield High School,**
- **Newton Elementary School,**
- **Federal Street School,** and
- **Academy of Early Learning.**

All students who attend the CEP schools above will receive free lunches daily, whether or not they qualify under income guidelines for free/reduced meals. This includes remote learners who are enrolled in a CEP school. **Breakfast is always free to ALL enrolled Greenfield Public Schools students**, even if they do not attend one of the CEP schools listed above.

The cost for school lunches at non-CEP schools in 2020-2021 will be \$3.00 for paid status students and \$0.40/lunch for reduced priced lunches. **Important: if your child(ren) attends at a school that is not eligible for CEP, including Discovery School at Four Corners, your child(ren) may still be eligible for free and or reduced lunch by filling out the free/reduced lunch application, or if they qualify for free or reduced meals through direct certification.** Direct certification qualifies students without a free/reduced meal application if they receive MA SNAP, MA TAFDC, or the student receives Medicaid or lives in a household with a child who receives Medicaid and has a family income measured by the Medicaid Program that does not exceed the National School Lunch Program income standards. Breakfast is free for all students at all schools.

GPS will continue to serve meals using the very successful Grab and Go model that has been in place since March 2020, including the ability for parents/guardians to be able to pick up meals on behalf of their children, and children are not required to be present in order for meals to be picked up, during the 2020/2021 school year or until further notice. Multiple days of remote breakfast & lunch meals may be picked up on Mondays, Wednesday, & Fridays from 11am-12:30pm at GHS, GMS, Newton, Leyden Woods, Oak Courts, and Greenfield Gardens, which is subject to change. Students or guardians who pick up meals for remote learning will need to provide the name of the school that the student attends, the student name and or student ID number every time they pick up meals, so that meals are counted correctly.

The Greenfield Public Schools is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, color, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, ancestry, genetic information or military service.

The Greenfield Public Schools maintain a commitment to ensuring that the school community is free from discrimination in education and employment.



GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Food Service Department

195 Federal Street, Suite 100, Greenfield, MA 01301

Eliza Calkins, School Food Service Director

Email elical1@gpsk12.org

Students who receive home delivered meals will need to provide this information initially and will need to update us with changes.

Home delivery may be allowed **if** the delivery route is approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), please let us know if you would like to request home delivery of meals by emailing your request to elical1@gpsk12.org. We are providing a meal delivery request form that can be sent back to the GPS food service department. Please provide us or a school nurse with medical documentation of any food allergies that your child/children may have, when requesting accommodations.

Sincerely

Eliza Calkins
Food Service Director

Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

“In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.”

The Greenfield Public Schools is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, color, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, ancestry, genetic information or military service.

The Greenfield Public Schools maintain a commitment to ensuring that the school community is free from discrimination in education and employment.