

2017-2018 CHILD NUTRITION NEWS

SEE WHAT E Z PAY CAN DO FOR YOU

E Z pay is so much more than an easy, convenient way to prepay your child's lunch. This user friendly program will allow you to view how your child spent their lunch money, set up reminders when your child's lunch account is running low, and view your child's balance – ALL FOR FREE.

Let's set up your child's account now. You will need the student I.D. # of each child.

Go to venusisd.net/parents/EZ Pay

Register (follow prompts)

Sign in

Set up my account (follow prompts)

Go to my student (add all students) - You will be able to set up a low balance reminder in this area.

In the view transactions area – You can view the days of purchase and the items that were purchased.

Billing set up/recurring payment is available if you wish to prepay your child's account.

Paid Lunch Price Increases

Venus Primary and Elementary School - \$2.65

Venus Middle School - \$2.90 Venus High School - \$2.95

This final rule updates the meal pattern and nutrition standards for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program to align them with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. This rule requires schools to increase the availability of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free and low-fat fluid milk in school meals; reduce the level of sodium, saturated fat and Trans fat in meals; and meet the nutrition needs of school children within their calorie requirements. These improvements will be cost effective which will require paid lunch prices to increase. These changes are being made in an effort to enhance the diet and health of school children and to help minimize the childhood obesity and child diabetic trend. We look forward to serving your child.

VENUS ISD CHARGE POLICY

Students will only be allowed to charge two lunch meals. Students are not able to charge snack items such as milk, fat free cookies and chips. Students must have prepaid money in their account or have cash to purchase these items.

If your child exceeds the maximum charge of two meals, an alternate meal will be served to them for that day that consists of a peanut butter or cheese sandwich and a milk.

You may send a check or cash with your student or you may take advantage of the online EZ Pay System by going to the VISD website at www.venusisd.net/parent. You can track your child's account and set up a low balance warning as well. **Parents can also receive a text message to inform you when your child owes money, but only if you have filled out the form that gives the district permission to send you a text. You can find this form on our website at www.venusisd.net/Departments/Food & Nutrition/Text Option Letter. You can also call the school and ask that a form be sent home with your child.**

NOW AVAILABLE: ONLINE FREE & REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS

Take Advantage of Our Paperless Option for Free and Reduced Applications

You can now submit Free & Reduced Meal Applications electronically on the Venus ISD website at www.venusisd.net/parents/EZ meal. Follow the online instructions to set up your account & submit your application.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tina McCormick, Venus ISD Child Nutrition Director

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