





## Concord Community Schools Breakfast Program

Breakfast is served at School! School breakfast will give your child a healthy start to the day. Breakfast at school is affordable. If you qualify for free or reduced price meals for lunch, you also qualify for breakfast, with no additional paperwork. Even if you don't qualify for free or reduced meals, breakfast at school is still a cheap alternative.



MEAL PRICES	
Breakfast	\$1.30
Reduced Breakfast	\$0.30
Extra Milk	\$0.50

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### Programa de Desayuno para las Escuelas de Concord

¡El desayuno se sirve en la escuela! El desayuno escolar le dará a su hijo un comienzo saludable para el día. El desayuno en la escuela es asequible. Si usted califica para recibir comidas gratis o precio reducido para el almuerzo, también califica para el desayuno, sin papeleo adicional. Incluso si usted no califica para recibir comidas gratis o precio reducido, desayuno en la escuela todavía es una alternativa barata.

PRECIO de COMIDA	
Desayuno	\$1.30
Desayuno Reducido	\$0.30
Leche Extra	\$0.50



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Parents,

**For the safety of your child, if you are bringing your student to school after the school day has begun, please make sure to come in to the office with your child and sign him/her in.** Also, if the child is late due to a doctor or dentist visit, we would appreciate a doctor's note. Remember that any time a student is absent, you should call our office at 875-6565. Our answering machine is available 24 hours a day to take your call. Thank you.

### **Lunch Balances**

Lunch account balances are available by contacting our kitchen manager, Karri Moffit, at 875-6565. Online accounts can be set up to check your student's balance and can also be used to make deposits to your student's lunch account. Directions on how to set up an online account Are available in the office and can also be found on our website: <http://southside.concord.k12.in.us>.

From the day children are born until they graduate from high school, they spend just 15 percent of their waking hours in school. The other 85 percent is spent outside school-and most of that time is spent at home.

That means you are your child's most influential teacher. Fortunately, children are naturally curious and love to learn. Here are some of the best ideas you can use at home to make the most of the important educational influence you have.

#### **Encourage Reading**

- **Get the whole family involved** in reading books (or favorite parts of books) aloud to each other
- **Be a reading role model**-make sure your child sees you reading. Have lots of reading materials around (newspapers, magazines, books, catalogs).
  - **Go to the library often.** It's free and it has a better selection than any book store.
  - **Read in unusual places**-under a tree, on the floor, in the park, in a tent, upstairs, downstairs.

When it's fun and interesting and everybody's doing it, parents can make reading exciting and important for children.

## **Some Important Information about Concord South Side School:**

- Student's are not to bring games or toys to school unless they have their teacher's permission. **Toy weapons are not allowed at any time.** The school is not responsible for lost or damaged equipment.
- Your student's birthday will be recognized according to the classroom teacher's plan. Please check with the teacher before sending in treats. Please do not send in party invitations unless there is an invitation for each student. **Balloon and flowers do not get sent to classrooms and cannot be taken home on the bus.**
- Cell phones, iPods, and other electronic equipment are not to be used or visible during the day. While students may possess these devices on school property, they are to be turned off and left in the student's backpack. If these items are being used or are visible, they will be confiscated. Confiscated electronic devices must be retrieved by a parent or guardian. The school cannot be responsible for their safekeeping and will not investigate nor be liable for loss or damage to electronic devices.
- Lost and found items are stored in the cafeteria. It is very important and helpful to have all your child's personal items marked with his/her name. Clearly marked items facilitate their quick return and answer questions of ownership. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity quarterly.
- Bus route information is available by contacting the Transportation Office at 875-6577 or by reviewing the bus stop information found on the district website. Please remember that students may only ride the bus they have been assigned to by transportation.
- Our school participates in the National School Lunch Program and makes breakfasts and lunches available to students for a fee. Students may also bring their own lunch to school to be eaten in the cafeteria. **Fast food lunches, restaurant food, and pop are not allowed in the lunchroom.**
- If a student is going to be absent, the parents must contact the office at 875-6565 by 9:30 AM and provide an explanation. If prior contact is not possible, the parents should provide a written excuse within 3 days. When no excuse is provided, the absence will be considered unexcused. If the absence of a student appears to be questionable or excessive, the school will work with the parents to improve their child's attendance in the manner outlined in our student handbook.

## **Absences in Early Grades Have a Big Impact on School Success**

**Missing school in the early grades can have an impact throughout your child's school years. New studies show that often, these early absences create a cascading effect from which your child can never recover.**

**The early grades are where students learn and master basics. Without that strong foundation, they may face learning problems throughout their schooling. Children who miss just one day of school every two weeks in Kindergarten score lower in reading, math, and other knowledge at the end of first grade. They never make up the learning they missed.**

**Early absences also set a pattern. Kids who get in the habit of missing school early continue that pattern. That leads them to miss even more learning. So the cycle continues. And studies consistently show that missing school is one of the strongest predictors of dropping out of high school**

**Remember, your child can't learn if she's not at school. So be sure you and your child take school attendance seriously. She should attend school every day, unless there is an emergency or unless she is sick.**