

2009-2010 Independence Charter School School Meal Information

- Students who have been direct-certified for free school meals for the 2009-2010 school year will receive a 2009-2010 meal card on the first day of school (if your child was direct-certified, you would have already received a letter in the mail).
- The full-price cost for breakfast is now \$1.25; reduced-price is 30 cents. The full-price cost for lunch is now \$2.30; reduced is 40 cents.
- **Last year's meal cards can NOT be used for the 2009-2010 school year.**
- Students who had a "free" payment status at the end of the 2008-2009 school year will receive a **temporary meal card** on the first day of school. This card will expire on October 16, 2009 **OR** upon the status determination date of your family's 2009-2010 application----whichever date comes first.
- Family's who complete the 2009-2010 meal application by 9/3/09 can contact Tr. Neyza via e-mail or phone to get a verbal determination of their children's meal status for 2009-2010. Please note that ICS has 10 business days to review applications, so applications received after 9/3/09 may not be reviewed before the start of school.
- Tr. Neyza is available from 8a.m.-3:30p.m. each work day (contact Tr. Neyza to make arrangements if you are unable to come in during those hours) until the start of school to receive meal account payments and applications at ICS. Payment needs to be made in cash or by money order (checks are NOT accepted). Later in the year, parents will also have the option to pay on-line with a credit card.
- During the school year, parents can send meal account payments into school with their children on any school day. The payment must be in a sealed envelope with the child's first AND last name, teacher's name, grade and amount enclosed (please do not send in more than \$20 at a time). Only cash or money orders will be accepted. Payments will be credited to your child's account within 24 hours (not on the morning you send in the payment).
- **Students who have a payment status of "reduced" or "full" price will NOT receive a meal card unless their parent/guardian has given consent for one to be issued and must have at least \$5 in their meal accounts.** If you want your child to receive a meal card, be sure to sign that section on the consent form (the consent form is part of the summer mailing packet).
- If you are unsure of your child's meal payment status or account balance information now or at any time during the school year, contact Tr. Neyza at neyzac@independencecharter.org or 215-238-8000 extension 2228.
- The price of *a la carte* items will be 75 cents each. Students can only purchase *a la carte* items with cash (meal cards cannot be used for these purchases).
- Students with negative meal account balances of over \$10 will not be able to purchase school meals.
- Parents are responsible to stay informed about their children's meal account balances. Later in the school year, parents will be able to check account balances and pay on-line. In the meantime, parents can contact Tr. Neyza on any school day at neyzac@independencecharter.org or 215-238-8000 extension 2228.