

**The Steward School**  
**Grades K-4 Lunch Program**  
**2019-2020**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

When will the lunch program begin?

The lunch program will run from the first full day of school on Monday, August 26, 2019, until the last full day of school.

Is the lunch program mandatory?

No, the lunch program is not mandatory. It is a voluntary program. Students may bring their lunch to school.

Can I sign up for only a few days per week?

Yes, there is a three day per week option – Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Can I order only pizza for lunch on Mondays?

Yes, pizza lunch is offered on Mondays through Meriwether-Godsey to Lower School students, **kindergarten through fourth grade**, even if you decide not to sign up for the lunch program. However, if you choose to sign up for just pizza on Mondays, you must do so for the entire semester.

Can I order only beverages at lunch time?

Yes, Lower School students, **kindergarten through fourth grade**, can order beverages even if you decide not to sign up for the lunch program. However, if you sign up for beverages, you must do so for the entire year.

What beverages are offered at lunch time?

Small water bottles, milk (2%, skim and chocolate) and juice boxes are offered.

How will I know what types of foods/lunch will be served every day?

A monthly lunch calendar will be sent home and will provide the lunch menu for each day of the month.

What if my child does not like what is being served on a particular day?

The monthly lunch calendar will have several meal alternatives listed at the bottom of the monthly menu. If your child does not like what is being served on a particular day, you can make a notation on the actual calendar and indicate your child's alternate choice. You will return this form monthly to your child's teacher who in turn will forward this to the Meriwether-Godsey onsite manager. If your child is happy with the monthly menu, simply write "No Alternates" on the menu and return. Keep in mind that changes on the lunch calendar must be made in advance; you will be responsible for returning the monthly lunch menu, with changes, within a certain time frame.

My child is scheduled to go on a field trip. What happens with the lunch that is already paid?

If your child is enrolled in the lunch program and is scheduled to go on a field trip, a boxed lunch including beverage will be provided to take along on the field trip, when arranged by the teacher.

What will be the cost of the lunch program?

The lunch program will cost \$1,100 per year for the five day option (including Monday pizza), which is comparable to what other area independent schools charge for their lunch programs. The three day option will cost \$655. Refunds will not be made for absences.

How do I sign up for this lunch program?

Complete the online **Lunch and Beverage Authorization** form. You will be billed two times per year for lunch; once in July 2019 and again in January 2020.

Please contact Stuart Settle, Director of Dining Services, at [ssettle@merig.com](mailto:ssettle@merig.com) for any questions regarding the menus. Please contact Student Billing at [studentbilling@stewardschool.org](mailto:studentbilling@stewardschool.org) or the Business Office at 740-3394 with any additional questions. Thank you.