

**The Steward School**  
**Grades 5-12 Lunch Program**  
**2019-20**  
**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?

No, if you sign up for the lunch program, you have to sign up for the full five days per week. This is a necessary component of the program in order to keep the per-meal cost low.

Can I purchase only a beverage at lunch time?

Yes, students can purchase a beverage even if you decide not to sign up for the lunch program. Beverages that will be offered include: 2% milk, skim milk, chocolate milk, fountain juice drinks, and iced tea. However, if you choose to sign up only for beverages, you must do so for the entire year.

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

A weekly lunch calendar will be posted on our website.

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

Alternate choices are offered every day and there is a full salad bar with soup, sandwich and salad fixings.

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 which is comparable to what other area independent schools charge for their lunch programs. Refunds will not be made for absences.

Will my child be able to purchase a lunch or beverage if not enrolled in the full program?

Unfortunately, we will not be able to sell lunches or beverages on a daily basis.

Are snacks available for Middle School students?

Yes, snacks are offered to Middle School students. If you wish to order snacks, you will need to complete the lunch and beverage authorization form. Snacks offered are crackers, pretzels, granola bars, fruit, milk, etc. Snacks also include a beverage.

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.