

Allen East Local Schools

9105 Harding Highway
Harrod, Ohio 45850
Phone (419) 648-3333
Fax (419) 648-5282
www.ae.k12.oh.us



Mel Rentschler, Superintendent
Andrea Snyder, Treasurer/CFO
Heather Patterson, Elementary Principal
Jarrod Wehri, Middle School Principal
Keith Baumgartner, High School Principal
Casey Bright Director of Digital Learning
Jacklyn Smith Director of Student Affairs/AD

Parents/Guardians,

September 11, 2020

The federal government through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is allowing schools to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students regardless of income levels to help families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Allen East has been approved for the program and will begin offering free breakfast and lunch beginning Monday, September 14, 2020. The program runs through December 31, 2020 and impacts all students K-12. For lunch, students will have their choice of a regular lunch or an a la carte selection with a milk. The program does not cover extras such as chips or snacks. The program also only covers one meal per breakfast and lunch. Extra meals will have to be paid for by the student.

It is still very important for parents to still fill out free and reduced lunch forms if a family qualifies. Allen East receives funding from the federal government based on the number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunches. Programs such as the Title I reading program is funded solely by federal grant money tied to our free and reduced numbers. Also, students who qualify for free lunches have most of their fees waived for the academic year. Even though all children are now receiving free meals, it is vital that Allen East receives the free and reduced forms. The forms can be found and filled-out on our website <https://www.ae.k12.oh.us> under the quick link EMERGENCY MEDICAL & FREE/REDUCED FORMS.

If you have any questions regarding the new program, do not hesitate to call your building principal or Vera Vernell the food service supervisor.

Go Mustangs!

Mel Rentschler

Mel Rentschler – Superintendent