

PCPS to Provide Free Meals for On-Campus and eSchool Students

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Polk County Public Schools will once again provide free breakfast and lunch to all students who attend our schools this year.

This applies to all PCPS students attending school in-person (Campus Learning).

PCPS will also make meals available for pick up for all students who are taking classes online through their enrolled school (Campus eSchool). Meals will be provided once per week — on Wednesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.* — in a drive-through format, with each student receiving five breakfasts and five lunches. Wednesday, Aug. 26 is the first day of meal distribution for Campus eSchool students.

Please note that Polk Virtual School students are not eligible for free meals.

*Meal distribution will take place on Wednesdays from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at Lake Alfred Polytech Academy, Sleepy Hill Middle and Stambaugh Middle, because those schools have later start times.

In most cases, eSchool students will receive their meals at their enrolled school, and will need to provide their name and ID number. Students do not have to be present to receive meals, but family members or guardians must present at least one form of student identification.

Examples include:

- School identification card
- Page printed from Parent Portal showing student's name and ID number
- Record from the school showing the student's name and ID number (report card, schedule, etc.)
- Child's passport
- Government-issued child identification card
- Other legal document identifying the child

PCPS prefers that Campus eSchool students pick up meals at their enrolled school if possible, but families can request an alternate site if they have children in more than one school, or if they live far from their enrolled school.

[To request an alternate meal site, please fill out this form.](#) The deadline to respond is midnight Thursday, Aug. 20. For planning purposes, we are asking all families of Campus eSchool students to please fill out the linked form.

The following schools will have an alternate pick-up location, or parents can pre-register (using the form linked above) and select any other convenient site:

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School Name	Pickup Location
Achievement Academy (Bartow)	Bartow Elementary Academy
Achievement Academy (Lakeland)	Rochelle School of the Arts
Achievement Academy (Winter Haven)	Garner Elementary
Anna Woodbury Elementary	Lewis Elementary
Bill Duncan Opportunity Center	Oscar J Pope Elementary

Compass Middle Charter	Bartow Middle
Don E. Woods Opportunity	Dundee Elem
Doris Sanders Learning Center	Combee Academy
Eckerd Connects Day Treatment	Combee Academy
Fresh Start (Lakeland)	Crystal Lake Middle
Fresh Start (Haines City)	Daniel Jenkins Academy
Gause Academy of Leadership	Bartow Senior
Hartridge Academy	Caldwell Elementary
Jean O Dell Learning Center	Floral Ave Elementary
Karen M. Siegel Academy	Lake Alfred Polytech
Lakeland Montessori	Lawton Chiles Middle
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New Beginnings High School (Lakeland)	Southwest Middle
New Beginnings High School (Fort Meade)	Fort Meade M/S
New Beginnings High School (Winter Haven)	Denison
Polk Grad Academy	Daniel Jenkins Academy
REAL Academies	Daniel Jenkins Academy
Ridge Technical Academy	Daniel Jenkins Academy
Ridge Teen Parent	Daniel Jenkins Academy
Roosevelt Academy	Spook Hill Elementary
Traviss Technical Academy	Oscar J Pope Elementary

PCPS is able to provide free meals to students as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Community Eligibility Provision. [For more information, please visit this link.](#)