

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 148
DOLTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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2009-10 STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM

1. Breakfast/Lunch & Milk Start Date is **Wednesday, August 19, 2009**
2. Display the **RED** sign to notify parents of the Wednesday, August 19th start date at registration.
3. For the 2009-10 School Nutrition Program, - **PREFERRED MEAL SYSTEMS, INC.** will provide **BREAKFASTS, LUNCHESES** and **MILK** to **ALL SCHOOLS**.
4. If you experience any problems with the breakfasts, lunches, or milk or any delivery difficulties contact Essie Perkins, Preferred Meals Lunch Supervisor for the District immediately at **708-250-6031**.
5. **Free and Reduced Lunch/Special Milk Applications** should be sent directly to **Michelle O'Malley** in the **Business Office** when completed by parent/guardian and approved at the school.
6. **Breakfast/Lunch & Milk Count** - The **FIRST** breakfast/lunch & milk count is due by Friday, August 21st The School Secretary must call **Michelle** in the **Business Office** (841-2554) with the school's breakfast/lunch & milk count. After the first count secretaries must have all free, reduced and paid students entered into STI by Thursday each week. The deadline for accepting lunch money is Wednesday each week. On Friday's Michelle will pull breakfast, lunch and special milk counts from STI by 11:00 a.m. each week. The order deadline to Preferred Meals is 12:00 p.m. NOON. Your cooperation in this timeline is extremely important.
7. The District has a **Free Breakfast, Free and Reduced Lunch Program** and a **Free Milk Program**.
 - The **Free/Reduced Lunch and Free Milk program** each require a different application form.
 - The **Free and Reduced Lunch Program** (White Form) must be completed for students who are served lunch (1st through 8th grade)
 - The daily cost of the reduced-price lunch is \$.40 and includes milk.
 - The fee for milk and lunch (includes milk) changes quarterly.
 - The fee for reduced price lunch (includes milk) changes each quarter.

8. The **Free Milk Program** (BLUE Form) is available to Early Childhood, and Kindergarten students.
9. Use the Approval/Denial Notification Letter to notify parents or guardians of the results of their application.
10. Send a copy of the Approval/Denial letter with the Application when it is returned to the Business Office.
11. The Income Chart on the Letter to Households shows the level at which households qualify for minimum benefits – the Reduced-Price lunch. The text of the Letter explains that this is the qualifying level for benefits under the National School Lunch Program.
12. **MAKE SURE YOU ARE USING THE CURRENT YEAR CHART TO APPROVE FREE & REDUCED LUNCH BENEFITS.**
13. **Call the Business Office for answers to any questions you have about fees for the School Lunch & Milk Programs.**