

Frequently Asked Questions: Emergency Feeding Program

What is the Emergency Feeding Program?

The Emergency Feeding Program allows child nutrition programs to serve free meals to children in the event of an unanticipated school closure. Here at LPS, we have been serving FREE meals to our students since March 16th.

Who can utilize the Emergency Feeding Program?

Any child 18 years old and under may receive FREE meals.

How long will the Emergency Feeding Program run?

On May 27th we transitioned into our Summer Emergency Feeding Program. This program will run from May 27th-July 24th.

- Operation days and site locations may be adjusted based on USDA guidance, program feasibility and school start times.
- We will not be serving July 1st-July 6th

How can I support the program if I don't need meals for my children?

- The best way to support our program is to participate! Our meals are not just for those who are in a financial hardship. it's for any child. Come visit us to get out of the house, get a little sunshine, and get some tasty meals in the process!
- Donate to our Food Security Fund.
 - <https://littletonpublicschools.net/food-security-fund>

Where and what time can I pick up meals?

- East Elementary- 5933 S Fairfield St, Littleton, CO 80120
 - 10:30 AM- 1:00 PM
- LHS School Site-199 E Littleton Blvd, Littleton, CO 80121
 - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM
- Bus Stops
 - 22 stops across the district
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 - Times differ per bus stop.
 - For schedule click here: www.lpsnutrition.com
- All sites serve meals M/W/F - Offering meals to cover 6 days/week.



My child is home schooled and does not attend LPS. Can they still get a meal?

Yes, any child regardless of where they attend school may receive a meal.

How is this program funded?

Our program is funded through a few channels. In normal school year operations, we receive varying levels of federal reimbursement for free, reduced, and paid student meals. In Colorado, we receive state grants to help cover meal costs for reduced students that are not covered by federal reimbursement. We also receive money from paid student meals (to cover the remaining meal costs), a la carte sales, adult meals, and catering. During our Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) we receive federal reimbursement, which allows all children to eat for free. During emergency feeding operations, during distance learning, we received CARES Act Funds to cover the reimbursement for meals, allowing all children to eat for free. Reimbursement we received through CARES Act and for SFSP will only cover our total costs (food, labor, packaging, and transportation) if scaled correctly. The more students we serve, the more efficiently and cost effectively we are able to produce meals.

What happens to leftover food?

We do our best to ensure there is as little waste as possible. However, waste is inevitable. Unopened, shelf-stable products that go out of date are donated to food banks and Meals on Wheels. Both organizations have guidelines about what they will accept beyond its use by or best by dates to ensure the food is still safe and of good quality.

Where do the food and supplies come from?

LPS operates feeding programs under USDA. Our program is heavily regulated and one of the regulations that we adhere to is procurement requirements. We competitively bid our food and supplies. For this reason, we are required to purchase products from our awarded bids. Currently, LPS purchases food and supplies from US Foods in Denver. Many of our food items are Child Nutrition (CN) specific, and formulated to meet national requirements related to calories, fat, saturated fat, sodium and sugar.

Can I pick up meals for someone else's children?

If the children are with you at the meal pick up site, then yes. However, you cannot pick up extra meals and take them to another family.

Do children have to be present when picking up meals?

No, children do not have to be present to pick-up meals.

Can children come and pick up meals without a parent?

Yes, they may come and pick up meals without a parent.

Do I have to go to the site closest to where I live?

No, you can come to any site or bus stop!

Need more info?

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- www.lpsnutrition.com

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To find other Emergency Feeding sites in Colorado:

- www.kidsfoodfinder.org