

August 29, 2022

IMPORTANT: School Breakfast/Lunch & Bus Transportation Information

Dear Mansfield Public School Families:

With school starting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, I wanted to share important information regarding Food Service and Transportation. Please take a moment to review the following:

Free Breakfast/Lunch Service for All Students in September

Mansfield Public Schools received state funding to cover the continued cost of providing every student free breakfast and lunch until that funding runs out. The grant will cover a certain amount of time which may just cover the first month of school. We will give all households at least 30 days' notice about the change of free meals for all, back to the traditional Free, Reduced and Paid system. Please note that this does not cover a la carte items or when students want to purchase milk.

PLEASE Apply for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals

We understand that covering the cost of student meals presents a hardship to many families. It is important that ALL families fill out a [Free/Reduced-Price School Meals Application](#). You may qualify for free or reduced-price meals for your student. However, we cannot provide this benefit without a completed and approved application on file. Please contact your child's school office if you need assistance completing the form or have any questions. More information regarding the [Mansfield School Lunch Program](#) can be found on our website. We will send home a printed copy of the application to all families during the first week of school for your convenience.

New Mansfield Food Service Director

Please join me in welcoming our new Food Service Director, Maraiah Popeleski, who will start in mid-September. Maraiah is a Mansfield resident and parent who has worked as a Head Chef, Operational Manager, Director of Dining/Nutrition Services, and a Dietitian. Her experiences, coupled with a strong background in locally sourced foods, will help us continue to build our Food Service Program.

Student Bus Transportation

On behalf of M & J Bus Company, we apologize for the errors in the recently published lists. [Updated bus routes and times will be posted and shared this week.](#) Please take time to review and call/email your child's school for questions. It is important to anticipate some delays during the first couple of weeks of school. We appreciate your

patience and support as our drivers adjust to new routes and schedules. Elementary School Families: Please consider having your child use our bus service. Family drop off and pick up will take longer given the increased enrollment with the consolidation of schools.

Help/Questions

Please reach out should you have any questions or need assistance. We are here for you. Below are the contact numbers and emails for each school:

Mansfield Elementary School at Vinton Campus (PreK, K, Gr 1)

Main Phone Number / Voicemail 860-423-3086
Main Email Address mesoffice@mansfieldct.org
Nurse / Attendance Line 860-465-8136, press 1
Kitchen Manager 860-465-8136, press 3
M&J Bus Inc. 860-429-2040

Mansfield Elementary School at Goodwin Campus (Gr 2-4)

Main Phone Number / Voicemail 860-429-6316
Main Email Address mesoffice@mansfieldct.org
Nurse / Attendance Line 860-429-9082, ext. 2
Kitchen / Cafeteria 860-429-9082, ext. 3
M&J Bus Service 860-429-2040

Mansfield Middle School (Gr 5-8)

Main Phone Number / Voicemail 860-429-9341
Main Email Address mmsoffice@mansfieldct.org
Health Office 860-429-5004, ext. 7154
Cafeteria Office 860-429-5004, ext. 7236
M&J Bus Service 860-429-2040

Sincerely,



Peter Dart
Superintendent of Schools