

## Summer meals to be available through the MPS Summer Food Service

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Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) is participating in the Summer Food Service program from June 10 through August 16. The program provides free meals to all children ages 1 to 18 at more than 100 community locations and school sites across the city and is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

This summer, adults and caregivers over 18 who are accompanying a child may purchase an adult summer meal option card that can be used to receive reduced priced meals at any of the summer meals program sites. The cards cost \$15 and each card contains 20 punches worth 75 cents each. Breakfast or a snack will cost 75 cents, while lunch or dinner meals will cost \$1.50.

MPS nutrition services collaborated with community liaisons and the Health and Safety Youth Committee in developing the adult meal option card to reduce barriers that precluded parents and caregivers from eating with their children at summer meal sites. Cards will be available for purchase beginning June 10 at the MPS Culinary and Nutrition Center, 812 Plymouth Ave, N. Organizations may purchase cards to offer to participating adults, encouraging families to eat together and increasing access to summer meals. Cards carry no cash value and will not be replaced if lost or stolen.

Meals will be provided to all children ages 1 to 18 without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

In 2012, the summer food program served over 375,000 meals.

Sites and times can be found in the attached PDF document. For updated information about the Summer Food Service program, please visit the MPS Culinary and Nutrition Services Department website at <http://nutritionservices.mpls.k12.mn.us> or call Sara Eugene at 612.668.2847.