

# Food Service Department

## Instructions for online access

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Braham Area School's Food Service Department is providing you instructions for our convenient and secure online payment service called mySchoolBucks. This website allows you to deposit money directly into your child's school meal account and view balance/purchase information for the past ninety days. By having money in each child's account prior to entering the cafeteria, we find that the lunch lines move along much faster, which gives your child more time to eat and be with friends.

### To access this service:

1. Go to the district web site at [www.braham.k12.mn.us](http://www.braham.k12.mn.us)
2. Click the District Tab then scroll to Food Services news and updates.
3. Click the mySchoolBucks link.
4. From this website you can create your account and add money to your child's school meal account. All you need is your child's name, school, and student ID number. The instructions listed on the back of this page will guide you through the process.

### Things to know:

- If you have more than one child in the District you can handle all online prepayments from the same online account.
- Payments may be made with a Visa, MasterCard, and Discover credit or debit card. You may also make a payment using an e-check.
- In order to use the online prepayment service, a small convenience fee for each transaction will be assessed to cover the bank fees. The convenience fee is \$1.95 per deposit transaction. Parents placing money into multiple meal accounts will only be assessed the \$1.95 fee once per deposit transaction. Braham School District will not profit from the use of this site. Please Note: Each transaction total cannot exceed \$120.00. If you wish to make a payment of more than \$120.00, the total must be split into multiple transactions.
- You may set your own e-mail notifications up to remind you of low student balances.

We are very excited to continue this service and are confident that mySchoolBucks will benefit you, your child and our District. If you choose not to take advantage of the online payment service you may continue to make advance payments via check, which should be made payable to Braham Area Schools. Please remember to write your **child's full name and lunch number** on the check.

If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to contact my office at 320-396-5204 or [dbryant@braham.k12.mn.us](mailto:dbryant@braham.k12.mn.us)

Thank You,

Donna Bryant

FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

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### Registering for a FREE mySchoolBucks Account:

- You will first need your child's student ID number; you may get this number by contacting your child's school or contacting my office.
- Go to the district website at [www.braham.k12.mn.us](http://www.braham.k12.mn.us), then click on District, scroll down to Food Service click new and updates. Then click on the link to mySchoolBucks OR go directly to [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).
- Click **REGISTER FOR A FREE ACCOUNT** and enter the required information.
- Click **FINISH** to complete the initial registration process.

### Adding Students to Your Account:

- Once you are logged into your new account, click **MY HOUSEHOLD** from the left-side navigation bar.
- Click **LOOK UP YOUR STUDENTS**.
- Select your child's school from the drop-down box.
- Enter your child's first name.
- Enter your child's last name.
- Enter your child's student ID number.
- Click **FIND STUDENT**.
- Click **ADD STUDENT**.
- Click **FINISH** or click ADD ANOTHER STUDENT to repeat the process for additional children.

### E-Mail Alerts:

- Once you are logged into your new account, click **EMAIL PREFERENCES** from the left side navigation bar under **Parent Resources**
- You may then update and set your e-mail notification request by the dollar amount you request.

### Making a Deposit:

- From the My Household page, click **MAKE A PAYMENT**.
- Enter the deposit amount for each student account, then click **ADD TO BASKET**.
- Review the amount(s) you have entered and click **CHECK OUT NOW**. If you need to adjust an amount click CONTINUE SHOPPING.
- Enter your payment information and click **CONTINUE**.
- If paying with a credit or debit card, enter the three or four digit Verification Code that appears on your card, then click **CONTINUE**.
- Review your order and make sure all deposits are correct, then click **PLACE ORDER**.
- Click **PRINT ORDER** to generate a receipt of your transaction in a new window. We recommend that you keep a copy for records.
- Click **FINISH** to complete the transaction.