

## Food Services FAQ's

- **Where can I find my child's PIN code for the cafeteria?**

*Your child's **Student ID #** is their PIN code. This can be found by logging into Genesis and looking under Student Data/Summary.*

- **What is considered a full lunch?**

*A school lunch that meets **federal nutrition standards** includes these 5 food components:*

- *Fruit: Fresh, Chilled or 4oz Fruit Juice (choice of two)*
- *Two Vegetable Choices*
- *Low Fat or Fat Free Milk*
- *Whole Grains*
- *Meat/Meat Alternative*

*Students should select at least 3 of the 5 components, including a fruit or vegetable, for a complete, reimbursable meal.*

*The student's decision to accept all 5 components or decline 2 food components does NOT affect the price charged for the meal.*

*Please note, **if a student does not choose enough food components to comprise a reimbursable meal, a la carte prices will be charged.***

*For more information please see: [Lunch Offer versus Serve Policy](#) on our website.*

- **How will my child know what is included in a meal?**

*There are signs in each cafeteria showing students what a meal consists of. Food is also grouped in the cafeteria so that extras are separated as much as space constraints allow. If they have any questions, any cafeteria worker can assist them.*

- **Can my child substitute water for milk with a meal?**

*No. According to federal nutrition guidelines, milk must be offered as part of the reimbursable meal. Fruit juice (100%) is offered daily as a fruit choice. If juice is selected the student may take an additional fresh or chilled fruit. Milk may be declined as part of the reimbursable meal.*

*Water is available at water fountains close to each school's cafeteria.*

- **Where can I see what my child is purchasing?**

*By creating an account on [PaySchools Central](#), parents can access purchasing history and replenish their student's account 24/7.*

- **I viewed my child's purchasing history and I see they are purchasing more snacks than I want them to. How can I prevent this from happening?**

*If you have set up an account on PaySchools Central, you can contact your child's school cafeteria supervisor (name and contact information below) and let them know what you want your child NOT to be able to purchase.*

- **What happens to the balance in my child's PaySchools Central account at the end of the school year?**

*Any remaining funds at the end of the school year are available for use in September of the next school year OR may be transferred to a siblings account in the Branchburg Township School District.*

*End of year funds for those 8<sup>th</sup> graders with no siblings in the district will be considered on a case by case basis with a minimum refund amount of \$5.00 and a maximum amount of \$15.00 and must be requested no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of that school year.*

- **Why are sugary cereals served?**

*The cereals that are served in our cafeterias are all reduced sugar, whole grain versions of student favorites. They are not the same version of the cereals commonly found on store shelves.*

- **My child has special dietary restrictions. Can they safely eat in the cafeteria?**

*More information can be found on Maschio's website at [Special Dietary Needs](#).*

*Please contact Maschio's dieticians via phone at 973-598-0005 to discuss your child's specific needs.*

### **Who to contact at Maschio's**

**Whiton Elementary School**

Mrs. Sandy Shamy - 908-371-0842 X 3401

**Stony Brook School**

Mrs. Kim Murphy - 908-722-2400 X 1070

**Branchburg Central Middle School**

Maria Dinizo – 908-526-1415 X 4218

**Maschio's Dieticians**

973-598-0005

### **Links for more information**

#### **Branchburg Township School District Website**

[Food Services](#)

[Branchburg's Wellness Policy](#)

[Lunch Offer Versus Service Policy](#)

[Point of Sale Debit System](#)

[Smart Snacks Regulations Fact Sheet](#)

#### **Maschio's Website**

[Special Dietary Needs](#)

[Menu Development](#)

[Nutrition Standards](#)

[Wellness Policy](#)