

Parents May Purchase Student Meals Online

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Parents whose children attend Greenville County Schools can make online payments into their children's meal account using their debit or credit card. A fixed processing fee of \$2.00 per payment is charged by mySchoolBucks, the third-party service provider. The fee is added to the payment amount.

"We are extremely pleased to provide this convenient payment option for parents," said GCS Director of Food and Nutrition Services Eileen Staples. "The mySchoolBucks Program has been thoroughly researched and tested to ensure security of information and ease of use."

To sign up to make online payments through mySchoolBucks, parents establish a user ID and password. They select their child's school from a drop-down list and enter the student birth date or student identification number (available from the student's school), and provide the debit or credit card information. Payment into an account is usually credited within one hour. Parents can check their child's account balance and transaction history on the mySchoolBucks website, which is updated every night.

Parents can make one payment for multiple children, designating the amount per child. A single processing fee of \$2 is charged for each payment, regardless of the number of student accounts included in the payment. Parents can also choose to make recurring payments on a regular basis.

To Sign Up for Online Payments Into a Student's Meal Account

- Go to the GCS Website (www.greenville.k12.sc.us) and click on the Meals and More listing in the left column. Click on Online Payment.
- Create your user ID and password by following the step-by-step instructions. Online payments can only be made for meals. The service is not provided for any other payments to schools.

Questions: Call Food and Nutrition Services at 355-1249.

Information about mySchoolBucks: Visit their website at <http://www.myschoolbucks.com/> or use the link from the Greenville County Schools website.