



Harding Cafeterias are Ready for School

Are you ready?

Harding's cafeterias continue to be managed by Valley Services. The cafeterias are ready to serve your student on the first day of school. So before the start of school, parents need to add funds to their students' accounts.

Meals, food options and cost

Valley's dining services feature an on-line pre-payment account system where students' accounts are charged only for the meals they purchase. Students at Cordova and White Station will have a choice of that day's combo meals and a limited number of a la carte items. Students at Cherry Road will have choices of several combo meals and a la carte items. Combo meal prices will be approximately \$4.25 for 18mo-SK, \$4.75 for grades 1-5, and \$5.75 for grades 6-12. A la carte items are priced separately. The Cherry Road cafeteria is also open before school for breakfast and after school for grab-n-go items. Parents will be able to monitor their students' purchases using the on-line system.

Your student is already signed up

Every student at Harding Academy is automatically provided a Valley account. Parents can access the accounts by using www.myschoolaccount.com. The cafeteria is designed as a prepayment program where parents are expected to fund the student's Valley account before they make purchases. Parents are notified via email when funds are running low, and parents are expected to deposit funds promptly so that students can continue to use the cafeteria.

MySchoolAccount

MySchoolAccount is an online tool that allows parents to check their students' lunch account balance and view their transactions over the past 30 days. As parents, you have the ability to go online to monitor the food choices your students make each day. We recommend you clearly communicate to your students your expectations about their menu choices and purchase limits. It is up to the parents to communicate and monitor whether the students are purchasing items that they have been given permission to buy.

Obtaining access to your account

- Every student at Harding is automatically provided an account.
- Parents can access their students' account by going online to www.myschoolaccount.com.
- Your login user ID and password from last year is still active at www.myschoolaccount.com.

- If you have not established a user ID and password, follow these instructions: Go online to www.myschoolaccount.com and select Create a New Account. You will be asked to enter your information and then create a user ID and password. Choose the school district Harding Academy. You will then be emailed a verification code. Log in to www.myschoolaccount.com, and you can then add your students by entering their student ID numbers (provided by the school). Once the student has been entered into the account, you can begin accessing your student's account.

Making payments

Payments to your account can be made on-line or by cash or check in the cafeteria. Because Valley uses a cashless system at the check-out registers, payments are added to your student's account and no change is given back to students.

Finger imaging system

For students third grade and above, Valley uses a finger imaging recognition system. A pdf attached to Harding's cafeteria web page describes the security features to ensure your student's information is secure. Students under third grade will be identified from class rolls. If your student is new to Harding, their finger image will be scanned during the first day of school.

More information

To learn more about the food service program, visit Harding's web site: www.hardinglions.org/foodservice.

- Menus and a la carte price list
- Parent User Guide to myschoolaccount.com
- Security features of the finger imaging system
- To opt out of Valley program and have your child removed from the system

Learn more about Valley Services by going to their web site: www.valleyinc.com.

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