

Dear SCCS Parents and Students;

Welcome to the 2026-27 school year!



At Santa Cruz City Schools, our Food Service Department is known as **Surf City Café**. Our meals are made daily using local fruits and vegetables, whole grains and lean meat and poultry. We are committed to providing nutritious meals that our students enjoy! Our monthly menus and detailed nutritional information can be found at SurfCityCafes.com. Here, you may also monitor your student's account activity by following the link to myschoolbucks.com

Enclosed you will find the Preserve School Funding & Family Benefit Application. **We ask that you complete this form to ensure that our district keeps all of our school funding, and our families receive all the benefits they qualify for.** Breakfast and lunch are free for the 26-27 school year but whether or not your student eats school meals, completing this application will help secure our funding for Math, Writing, Language Support, Counseling & more! The application can also earn your family additional benefits such as qualifying for **EBT, CALKids and discounted PG&E services.**

Know that by completing this application **you are not taking services away from anyone!** We encourage every family to complete the application online at SurfCityCafes.com Applications will be processed privately, quickly and with little to no wait for your child to receive benefits.

Here are the top three important things to know:

1. All of the information you provide on the form is secure and private.
2. Students enrolled in the meal program qualify for reduced fees for Advanced Placement exams and waived fees for the college SAT and ACT exams and for applying to state universities.
3. Families qualify for a discount with California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) through PG&E.

We are here to help! If you have any questions or need assistance with the application, please contact Food Services at 429-3850.

Sincerely,

Amy Hedrick-Farr

Director of Food Services