



DINING ON CAMPUS

FALL 2023 - SPRING 2024

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HOW DO MEAL PLANS WORK?

Meal Swipes, Retail Swipes, & Dining Dollars



MEAL SWIPES

Meal Swipes are used at our 3 all-you-care-to-eat dining halls: Sbisa, The Commons, and Duncan. One swipe at the front register is a "Meal Swipe" and gives the student access to the entire buffet! Meal Swipes can be converted into a Retail Swipe (next slide).

All Meal Swipes expire at the end of every semester and do not roll over to the following semester or academic year.

The All Access Plan: Includes an unlimited number of Meal Swipes for the semester. Must wait 30 minutes between Meal/Retail Swipes.

Block Plans: Includes a limited amount of Meal Swipes for the semester. Are restricted to 4 Meal Swipes per day (this includes Retail Swipes).





RETAIL SWIPES

Retail Swipes are Meal Swipes that are used at select retail locations on campus such as Chick-fil-A. Students can get whatever they like off the menu up to \$8!

The All Access Plan: Includes 5 Retail Swipes per week. These reset every Monday morning. Can use multiple Retail Swipes in one transaction but must wait 30 minutes between Meal/Retail Swipe transactions.

Block Plans: Allowed 1 Retail Swipe per day. Deducted from their Meal Swipe balance.

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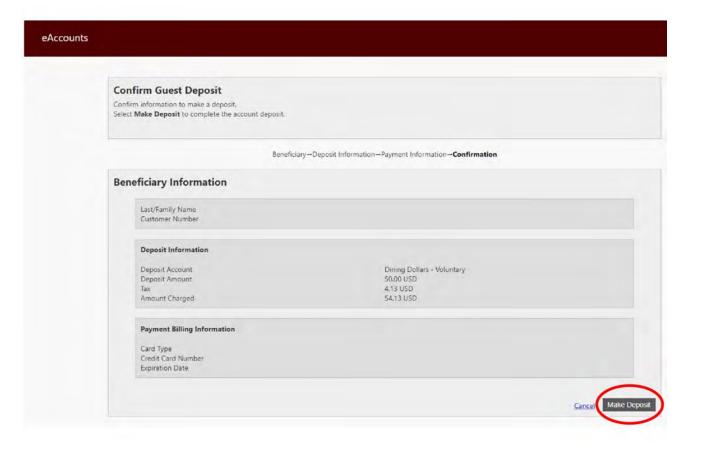
DINING DOLLARS

Dining Dollars are a \$1 for \$1 currency that are accepted at all Aggie Dining locations on campus, including the convenience stores, coffee shops, and food trucks.

Dining Dollars can not be overdrawn and can be refilled at any time in the semester.

Dining Dollars automatically roll over from the Fall to the Spring semester. Dining Dollars expire after the Spring semester and do not roll over to the summer or next academic year.

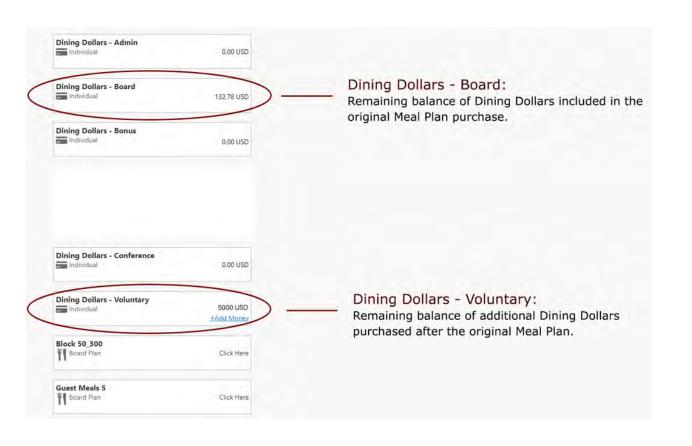




HOW TO ADD MORE DINING DOLLARS

- 1. Visit the TAMU e-accounts page and click "Make a Guest Deposit".
- Provide your student's Last/Family Name and Customer Number (Student UIN). Enter the amount of Dining Dollars you would like to deposit. It is a minimum of \$50.
- 3. Provide your credit card information. Be sure to press "Next" on the "Transaction Approved" page.
- 4. On the final confirmation page, be sure to press "Make Deposit". If you skip this step, the order will time out and the pending charge will be canceled.





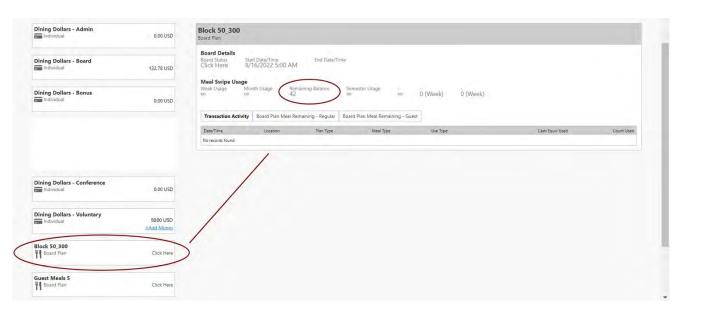
CHECKING DINING DOLLAR BALANCES

Students can check their balances by logging into their student e-account using their NetID and password. When they log in, they will see multiple accounts.

- Dining Dollars Board: The remaining Dining Dollars that were included in the original Meal Plan purchase.
- Dining Dollars Voluntary: The remaining Dining Dollars that were added after the original Meal Plan purchase.

These balances are separated for accounting purposes only. They function the same.





CHECKING MEAL SWIPE BALANCES

Students can check their balances by logging into their student e-account using their NetID and password. When they log in, they will see multiple accounts.

To find their Meal Swipe balances, the student will need to select their "Board Plan" or Meal Plan on the left-hand side.

A window will open that lists the amount of Meal Swipes they have remaining.





MEAL PLAN OPTIONS

Fun Fact: Dining Dollar Only Plans are a type of Meal Plan!



ON-CAMPUS FRESHMEN

All students identified by Texas A&M as "New First Time Freshmen" (regardless of college credit hours) choosing to live in campus residence halls or at White Creek Apartments are required to have a minimum Meal Plan for both the Fall and the Spring semesters.

Below are their Meal Plan options:

- The All Access Plan Unlimited Meal Swipes!
- Block 190 Averages 12 Meal Swipes/Week
- Block 150 Averages 9 Meal Swipes/Week
- Block 115 Averages 7 Meal Swipes/Week
- White Creek Plan Only available for White Creek Apartments





COMMUTERS & UPPERCLASSMEN

Students living off campus, as well as upperclassmen not in the Corps of Cadets, are not required to select a Meal Plan but are encouraged to!

Below are their Meal Plan options:

- The All Access Plan Unlimited Meal Swipes!
- Block 190 Averages 12 Meal Swipes/Week
- Block 150 Averages 9 Meal Swipes/Week
- Block 115 Averages 7 Meal Swipes/Week
- Block 50 Averages 3 Meal Swipes/Week
- Dining Dollar Only Plans



CORPS OF CADETS

All members of the Corps of Cadets are required to select a minimum Meal Plan for both the Fall and the Spring semester.

Roughly 115 Meals will be deducted from the student's Meal Swipe balance to cover the semester's March In/Formation Meals.

Below are their Meal Plan options:

- The All Access Plan *Unlimited Meal Swipes!*
- Block 190 Averages 12 Meal Swipes/Week





DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Food Allergies and Special Diets





FOOD ALLERGIES

"Delicious Without" Kitchen Station:

- The Kitchen station at our dining halls will only serve "Delicious Without" menu options. These menus are prepared without any of the major food allergens listed below:
 - Peanuts / Tree Nuts
 - Gluten
 - Eggs
 - Milk
 - Wheat

- Sesame
- Fish
- Shellfish
- Soy



AVOIDING GLUTEN

Our dining halls have an "Avoiding Gluten" refrigerator that is stocked with bread items. Desserts are available upon request at the deli station. Some "avoiding gluten" menu items (such as cauliflower pizza crust, pasta, etc.) can be made upon request at our dining halls and retail locations.

PEANUTS/TREE NUTS

Our dining halls and many of our retail locations do not actively use peanuts or tree nut-containing ingredients in menu preparation. This includes peanut oil. However, we cannot say we are nut-free facilities as some ingredients that we purchase are processed in facilities that may contain nuts.

Though we will do our best to reduce cross-contamination as much as possible, please note that our dining locations are not 100% allergy-free facilities. We encourage students to communicate with us using our Text-2-Chat program so that we may help them feel more comfortable with navigating our dining locations.





TEXT-2-CHAT

Guests can text their questions and feedback directly to our managers and executive chefs using our Text-2-Chat program!

Each dining location has a different number that the guest can text with their questions, requests, and feedback. Text messages go directly to the managers and executive chefs of those locations, who are trained to respond quickly.

All guests can use this program, but it is especially encouraged for guests with dietary allergies/restrictions!





ALL ABOUT DINING

Hours, Events, and More!



MOBILE ORDERING

Students can utilize the Transact Mobile Ordering app to order food ahead of time at favorite retail locations such as Houston St. Subs and Rev's American Grill!

This app can be connected to the student's Meal Plan so they can use Retail Swipes and Dining Dollars to purchase their food.

With the Transact Mobile Ordering app, students can order their food ahead of time, then skip the line to pick up their order. Great if they're in a rush to class!





DINE ON CAMPUS APP

Students can download our free Dine on Campus app for easy access to dining information! Find our hours, menus, map, events, and more, right at your fingertips!



DINING MAP

Guests can find our campus dining map by visiting our website or downloading our free Dine on Campus app!

Though we will try to keep Google Maps as updated as possible, we have more control over our website. For the most accurate dining map, please visit our website or app.





HOURS OF OPERATION

Our hours of operation can be found on our website or on our free Dine on Campus app.

For the most accurate hours, please do not rely on Google. Though we will do our best to keep Google Maps up-to-date, we have more control on our website and are able to update our website quickly if there are any changes due to maintenance, holidays, etc.









SPECIAL EVENTS

We have a variety of special events planned at our dining halls every semester!

Students can find our events calendar on our website or on the free Dine on Campus app.







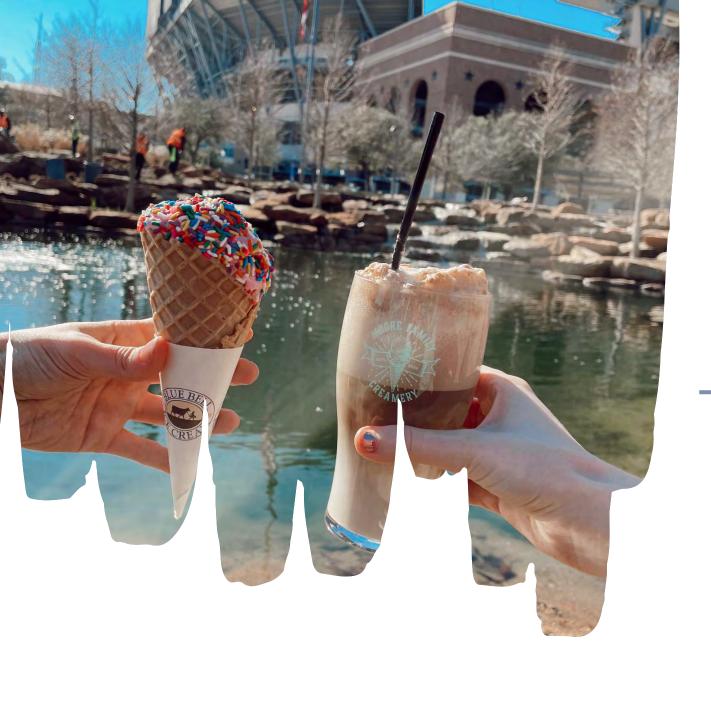


THE DISH ON DINING MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

"The Dish on Dining" newsletter goes out once a month to our meal plan holders and includes great information such as Meal Plan deadlines, upcoming events, new limited time offers, and more!

Parents can sign up for our newsletter, so they receive important meal plan/dining information, as well as any announcements such as hour changes due to inclement weather.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

More at dining.tamu.edu!



DINING HALL DOOR RATES

• **Credit/Debit:** \$12.50 *before tax*

• Dining Dollars: \$11.25 (10% discount)

• Meal Swipe Value: Ranges \$9 - \$10 depending on the plan.

WHAT ROLLS OVER?

- Meal Swipes: Expire at the end of every semester
- **Dining Dollars:** Rolls over from Fall to Spring. Expires at the end of the Spring semester.

DO THE DINING HALLS HAVE TO-GO?

 Because our dining halls are buffet style, they do not offer take-out or allow to-go containers. However, we do have an alternative!

Students can visit Southside Market in The Commons for a grab-and-go hot meal available on a Meal Swipe!

CAN I CHANGE MY MEAL PLAN?

- Downgrade Deadlines:
 - Fall 2023: September 6, 2023
 - Spring 2024: January 31, 2024
- Upgrade Deadlines:
 - Fall 2023: October 27, 2023
 - Spring 2024: March 22, 2024

GIFT CARDS ON CAMPUS

- All dining locations accept Visa gift cards.
- The following locations accept branded gift cards:
 - Starbucks
 - Salata
 - Smoothie King
 - Panda Express







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