

Parents soon will be able to pay for child's school lunches online

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Parents of children in the Escambia School District should soon receive information about a new online program where they can track what their children eat and also pay for school lunches.

The district will begin using MealPay.com, a software technology that changes the traditional way parents pay for and manage their child's lunch account.

The prepayment system allows parents to make online payment to their child's lunch account, view the account balance and check payment history. It also enables parents to make payments by phone using a credit card or check.

Ten schools will pilot the program beginning Feb. 13: Hellen Caro Elementary, Jim Bailey Middle, Escambia High, Cordova Park Elementary, Workman Middle, Washington High, Lipscomb Elementary, McArthur Elementary, Ransom Middle and Tate High.

Remaining schools will follow on Feb. 27.