2026 – 2027 First Year Student Dining Plan Agreement

First-year students over 18 should submit their Dining Plan Agreement via the Dining Portal.
Students under the age of 18 may also use the Dining Portal to submit their dining plan selection using the parent/guardian proxy feature.
This agreement must be completed and submitted through the Dining Portal by May 31, 2026. Otherwise, first-year students will be automatically assigned the Blue Plan.

DATES OF AGREEMENT: This is a two-semester agreement for fall semester (August 23, 2026, to December 14, 2026) and spring semester (January 17, 2027, to May 11, 2027).

TRADITIONAL DINING PLANS:
A set number of meal blocks and FLEXible Spending Dollars (FLEX) are allotted **per semester** for the Traditional Dining Plans.
Four meal blocks may be used each day. Up to two meal blocks may be used per meal period.
Meal blocks and FLEX expire on the last active date of the dining plan each semester.
The Traditional Dining Plans include two guest meals per semester.
All meal blocks must be used for the purchase of block meals only.
Meal blocks and FLEX are only for the meal plan holder and are non-transferable. Meal blocks and FLEX may not be sold, traded, or used by anyone other than the Dining Plan holder.

Green Plan = $8,844 per year / $4,422 per semester
292 meal blocks per semester (average 18 meal blocks per week), $280 flexible dollars per semester, two guest meals per semester
Blue Plan = $8,382 per year / $4,191 per semester
252 meal blocks per semester (average 16 meal blocks per week), $540 flexible dollars per semester, two guest meals per semester
Red Plan = $7,950 per year / $3,975 per semester
205 meal blocks per semester (average 13 meal blocks per week), $880 flexible dollars per semester, two guest meals per semester
Yellow Plan = $3,984 per year / $1,992 per semester**
125 meal blocks per semester (average 8 meal blocks per week), $195 flexible dollars per semester.
**Only available to first-year students assigned to The Residence on Fifth and Clyde House.

I understand that this agreement is for the academic year and that I am obligated to fulfill the requirements outlined in this agreement unless I withdraw from the University or participate in a University-sponsored study abroad or co-op program. Failure to utilize a dining plan or failure to make payment does not cancel my financial obligation under this agreement. I understand that the only changes permitted to my selected dining plan are outlined on the back page of this agreement in the change policy. I understand that Meal Plan Blocks, FLEXible Spending dollars (FLEX), and the DineXtra declining balance program are non-transferable and are only intended for the meal plan holder.

I have read the terms of this agreement outlined above and on the pages below and agree to abide by these terms by affixing my signature below. I further agree to abide by all rules and regulations established by CMU Dining Services.

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Student Signature Date Parent/Guardian (if student is under 18) Date

CHANGE POLICY:

• In the fall semester, participants may change to any other Traditional Dining Plan on or before 5 PM, September 18, 2026. **This is the last day that meal plan changes will be approved for the 2026 – 2027 academic year. There is no change period for the Spring Semester.**
• A full refund or charge will be administered if a meal plan is canceled or changed before August 23, 2026.
• Any meal plan change made between August 24, 2026 – September 18, 2026 will be refunded based on actual meal plan usage. The new replacement meal plan will be billed at a prorated amount.
• All changes can be submitted via the StarRez Dining Portal located on the dining website (cmu.edu/dining).

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE POLICY:

• Students who move into one of these Fraternity and Sorority Life houses (Alpha Epsilon Pi, Phi Delta Theta) may cancel their Dining Services Traditional Dining Plan the week following the formal rush period for both fall and spring semesters. They will receive a prorated refund.
• Students who join one of the following Fraternity and Sorority Life houses (Alpha Epsilon Pi, Phi Delta Theta), but will not move into Fraternity and SororityLife housing may reduce their Traditional Dining Plan the week following formal rush period to the Yellow plan, provided that they are required to enroll in the house's mandatory meal plan. They will receive a prorated refund, and the new meal plan will be billed for a prorated amount.
• To cancel or reduce their Dining Services Traditional Dining Plan, Fraternity and Sorority Life students associated with one of the following houses (Alpha Epsilon Pi, Phi Delta Theta), must complete a change form (available from the Dining Services website) and provide signed documentation of the membership on the Greek organization letterhead. All documentation must be verified and approved by Dining Services.

HOLIDAY AND BREAK SCHEDULE:

Your meal plan will remain active during both the fall and spring recess periods, as well as during the Thanksgiving recess.

MEAL PERIODS:

Breakfast: Sunday through Saturday 03:30:00 AM – 10:29:59 AM
Lunch: Sunday through Saturday 10:30:00 AM – 04:29:59 PM
Dinner: Sunday through Saturday 04:30:00 PM – 08:59:59 PM
Late Night: Sunday through Saturday 09:00:00 PM – 03:29:59 AM

Please see the next page for Rules and Regulations:

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Who do I contact if I have a medical diagnosis that may require a special meal accommodation (i.e. food allergies)?

Medical or special needs to alter this agreement must first be evaluated by University Health Services. To begin this process, please complete the Special Dining Needs Form.
For more information, visit cmu.edu/health-services.

What's the difference between FLEXible Spending dollars (FLEX) and the DineXtra declining balance program?

FLEX dollars come as part of the dining plan you purchase, and expire on the last active day of the dining plan in the fall and spring semesters. DineXtra can be purchased in addition to a Traditional Dining Plan or alone, and it offers a 1% bonus per $100 deposit, up to 10%. DineXtra purchased during the academic year is available through the last active date of the dining plan in the spring semester. Any unused funds expire at that time. DineXtra may also be purchased during the summer. FLEX and DineXtra funds may be spent in any amount and at any Dining Services location and off-campus partner location. It's easy to add DineXtra to your student account using the GET Funds website or app. Parents are also able to deposit DineXtra funds into their student's account.

How do I use my Dining Plan?

Traditional Dining Plans, FLEX and the DineXtra declining balance program are encoded on the Carnegie Mellon ID card. If your Carnegie Mellon ID card is lost or stolen, immediately contact ID Card Services at 412-268-5224 (after hours, contact University Police at 412-268-2323). Carnegie Mellon is not responsible for any funds expended or the use of any lost or stolen cards. Additionally, participants are responsible for any charges made or attempted on their Carnegie Mellon ID Card.

What mobile ordering platform is available to use?

Carnegie Mellon University has partnered with Grubhub to provide online ordering at select locations. After downloading the Grubhub App, you can tap "Account" and then "Campus Dining", and set up your account to be affiliated with Carnegie Mellon University. This allows you to sign-in with your Andrew ID to add meal plan funds including blocks, FLEX dollars, and DineXtra. More details can be found on the Dining website.

Am I able to sell my meal blocks or transfer them to another student?

Meal blocks and FLEX are to be used by the meal plan holder only. It is impermissible to sell or transfer any meal blocks or FLEX to another student, faculty member, staff member, or community member. Students found selling or transferring their meal blocks and/or FLEX to another party will forfeit the remainder of their Meal Plan without refund.

STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE:

Carnegie Mellon University does not discriminate and Carnegie Mellon University is required not to discriminate in admission, employment or administration of its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or other federal, state or local laws, or executive orders In addition, Carnegie Mellon University does not discriminate in admission, employment or administration of its programs on the basis of religion, creed, ancestry, belief, age, veteran status, sexual orientation or in violation of federal, state or local laws, or executive orders. While the federal government does continue to exclude gays, lesbians and bisexuals from receiving ROTC scholarships or serving in the military, ROTC classes on this campus are available to all students.