**How Does My Meal Plan Work?**

There are two components to meal plans: Points and Meal Swipes. Plans such as the Suites “Bonus Plans” have only points. The 10, 14, and 19 “Diner” plans have a combination of Meal Swipes and 125 points.

**Points:** Points are like a pre-paid debit card and can be used at any food venue on campus. One point is equivalent to one dollar.

**Meal Swipes:** Are used primarily for meals at Los Olivos, but our innovative meal “exchange” program adds a great deal of flexibility to your plan (see below for details). You are only allowed one meal “swipe” during any given meal period.

**How do I pay for a friend using my meal plan?**

You can use your points to buy food for anyone you wish, including meals at Los Olivos. Your Meal Swipes are non-transferrable, meaning only you can dine using this portion of your plan.

**What are “exchanges” and where can I use them?**

An exchange is an enhancement to your meal plan that allows students on the 10, 14, or 19 meal plan to use their meals at selected locations to purchase food when it is inconvenient to dine at Los Olivos, or when Los Olivos is closed.

A meal exchange has a dollar value of $6.50 at Los Olivos, The Den, or Vista Market:

You may purchase items a la carte up to a value of $6.50 at the Los Olivos Lobby, The Den, or Vista Market. You may select any food items and receive $6.50 credit for a meal swipe. You may use your points, cash, or credit card if your purchase exceeds the $6.50 limit at any of these locations. No change will be given if your purchase is under $6.50.

You may also exchange a meal for a $6.20 value at the Pony Express convenience store in the College of Business Administration. You may use your points, cash, or credit card if your purchase exceeds the $6.20 limit at this location. No change will be given if your purchase is under $6.20.

Remember, you are only allowed one meal “swipe” during any given meal period.

**What is a “Meal Period”?**

A Meal Period is a time period in which students on the 10, 14, or 19 meal plan can use (swipe) one meal. A second “swipe” of these plans during the same time period is not allowed. Meal Periods are currently set up as follows:

- **Breakfast:** Open to 10:59 a.m.
- **Lunch/Brunch:** 11:00 a.m. to 4:59 p.m.
- **Dinner:** 5:00 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.
- **Late Night:** 9:00 p.m. to Close

**What’s the difference between Meal Points and Bronco Bucks?**

**Meal Points:** Come with the mandatory Suites plans and the 10, 14, and 19 meal plans. These plans generally come bundled with your housing contract. Meal Points are for food purchases only, and are NOT accepted for books, supplies, clothing, movie tickets, printing on campus, or laundry. Additionally, select vending machines across campus accept Meal Points. Meal Points do carry over from quarter to quarter as long as your UHS account is in good standing. However, Meal Points do expire at the end of the Spring quarter and are not refundable.

**Bronco Bucks:** Bronco Bucks are purchased either online at BroncoBucks.com or in person at the Bronco Card Office in the Campus Center Marketplace. Deposits are placed electronically on your Bronco ID Card. Not only can you purchase food at any campus location with Bronco Bucks, but they may also be used to purchase books, supplies, clothing, movie tickets, printing, and computer labs. Bronco Bucks are accepted for virtually anything on campus with the exception of tuition, a new campus ID card, campus parking passes or campus parking tickets, health services, child care, and campus theater tickets. Bronco Bucks never expire as long as you are an active student, faculty or staff member, or Emeritus. Meal Points cannot be converted into Bronco Bucks.

**When does my meal plan replenish with meal swipes? What about Points?**

The 10, 14, and 19 meal plans replenish every Saturday morning at 2 a.m. while classes are in session. The unused meals do not roll over from week to week. Meal points are replenished at the beginning of each quarter.

**How do I change my meal plan?**

Meal plan change requests are processed through University Housing Services. If you wish to change your meal plan for the following quarter, requests can be submitted online via the UHS StudentWeb during the last two weeks of the Fall and Winter Quarters. You can also upgrade your meal plan anytime! Please contact UHS for details. 909-869-3307