

2023 –2024 Meal Plan Discussion Points

How our meal plans work on campus...

William Paterson University offers several different meal plans which provides access to Wayne Dining Hall, our all you care to enjoy dining facility, as well as our other various retail dining locations.

Each plan differs by the number of meals provided per week / semester and the amount of Pioneer Express (campus cash) included.

For our traditional plans, a participant's weekly meal period will begin Sunday morning, allowing them to utilize their swipes throughout the week, and end Saturday evening when all plans reset to their initial weekly allowance. Meals do not carry over from week-to-week, so it is recommended that a plan is selected which accommodates the number of meals a recipient plans on accessing each week.

We also offer a block plan which provides the recipient 175 meal swipes at the start of the semester. This plan does not replenish weekly. Your starting number of meal swipes is reduced by the number of meal-swipes you use at Wayne Dining Hall or retail locations over the course of the day, week, and semester. Any meal swipes that exceed the total 175 meals provided by the block plan can be paid for with Pioneer Express Dollars, cash, or credit. This plan is recommended for those who are very familiar with campus living, the campus dining programs and/or are upper classmen.

All plans allow two meal swipes per meal period except Weekly 19 Plus plan which allows up to three meal swipes per meal period. In addition to using meal swipes at Wayne Dining Hall, swipes may also be redeemed as meal equivalencies at participating dining locations once per meal period. This will deduct one meal from the recipients plan in exchange for a cash value of \$5.25. Meal equivalencies can be redeemed on campus at Paterson Food Court and the W-store.

For example, if a purchase was made in a participating retail dining location totaling \$8.25, a meal equivalency (or cash value) of \$5.25 may be used in exchange for a meal swipe. The account holder may then process the remaining \$3 balance with their meal plans Pioneer Express balance, cash, or credit.

All plans also come with a prefixed amount of Pioneer Express. This campus currency is a one-time deposit and may be utilized throughout the university including all campus dining locations. In the case that all students' meal swipes have been redeemed for the week or semester, Pioneer Express may be used as an alternative form of payment. Cash or credit can also be used. PE Funds that remain at the end of Fall semester can roll over to Spring. All funds must be used by the end of the spring semester and/or June 30.

Students can choose the same or different meal plan at the start of each semester. If a selection is not made in the Spring semester, students automatically default into the plan that was selected at the beginning of the Fall semester. At the start of each school year, residential students will automatically default into the weekly 15 meal plan if they don't make their own selection.

Our Meal Plan Offerings....

Weekly 19 Meal Plan w/\$300 PE - \$2,625.00

This plan provides access for up to 19 meals a week in Wayne Dining Hall and is ideal for students who will be joining us on campus 5-7 days a week.

The recipient will be guaranteed a meal swipe for all breakfast, lunch, and dinner periods during the week and our Brunch and Dinner services on the weekend (Saturday – Sunday). Students can also utilize a meal swipe and access Late Night meal service Sun-Thu, at WDH from 8pm-10pm and at The W Store from 10pm-12 midnight. They will also have the ability to swipe in up to 1 guest per period until all their 19 meals have been utilized.

This plan also comes with a one-time deposit of \$300.00 of Pioneer Express which may be utilized at all dining locations and, where advertised both on and off campus.

- Students will be able to use 2 meal swipes per meal period.
 - E.g. You can use a swipe at WDH; and another in the Food Court on your way to class as a snack allowance.
- Perfect for students that anticipate being on campus seven days a week = 3 Meals Mon-Fri 2 Meals Sat-Sun.
- Plan meals must be utilized in the semester it is purchased. They do not rollover. PE funds that remain will rollover from Fall to Spring and must be used by their expiration date of June 30.

Weekly 19 **Plus** Meal Plan w/\$600 PE - \$2,875.00

This plan provides access for up to 19 meals a week in Wayne Dining Hall and is ideal for students who will be on campus 7 days a week and are active on campus, participating in campus activities and sports.

The recipient will be guaranteed a meal swipe for all breakfast, lunch, and dinner periods during the week and our Brunch and Dinner services on the weekend (Saturday – Sunday). Students can also utilize a meal swipe and access Late Night meal service Sun-Thu, at WDH from 8pm-10pm and at The W Store from 10pm-12 midnight.

Where other plans would only allow the ability to swipe in 1 guest per period, the **19 plus plan** will provide up to 2 guests per period until all 19 meals have been utilized.

Just like the traditional 19 Meal Plan, the 19 PLUS also comes with a one-time deposit of \$300.00 of Pioneer Express (campus cash) which may be utilized at all dining locations and where advertised both on and off campus.

You will also receive an additional \$300.00 of Pioneer Express (\$600 total) with a bonus of \$50 included, which may be used exclusively at on-campus dining location.

Plan highlights

- The only plan where students will be able to use 3 meal swipes per meal period.
- Perfect for students that anticipate being on campus, all 7 days and are actively working as student employees and/or participating in campus activities and sports.

- An upgrade to the traditional 19 by providing an additional \$300 for use at campus dining locations for only and additional \$250. \$50 bonus PE funds.
- Plus Plans add additional funds for students who want PE for Dining and who utilize multiple swipes allowed during meal periods.
- Meal swipes included in purchased Meal Plans must be utilized during the semester the plan was purchased in. PE funds that remain will rollover from Fall to Spring and must be used by their expiration date of June 30.

Weekly 15 Meal Plan w/\$400 PE - \$2,575.00

This plan provides access for up to 15 meals a week in Wayne Dining Hall and is ideal for students who will be joining us on campus 4-5 days a week.

The recipient will be guaranteed a meal swipe for all breakfast, lunch, and dinner periods during the week. They will also have the ability to swipe in up to 1 guest per period until all their 15 meals have been utilized.

This plan also comes with a one-time deposit of \$400.00 of Pioneer Express which may be utilized at all dining locations and where advertised, both on and off campus.

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- It is also the default plan if you do not select one as a resident and traditionally the most common meal plan.
- Perfect for students that anticipate being on campus 4-5 days a week.
- Plan meals must be utilized in the semester it is purchased. They do not rollover. PE funds that remain will rollover from Fall to Spring and must be used by their expiration date of June 30.

Weekly 15 **Plus** Meal Plan w/\$650 PE - \$2,775.00

This plan provides access for up to 15 meals a week in Wayne Dining Hall and is ideal for students who will be joining us on campus 5 days a week.

The recipient will be guaranteed a meal swipe for all breakfast, lunch, and dinner periods during the week. They will also have the ability to swipe in up to 1 guest per period until all their 15 meals have been utilized.

Just like the traditional 15 Meal Plan, the 15 PLUS also comes with a one-time deposit of \$400.00 of Pioneer Express (campus cash) which may be utilized at all dining locations and where advertised both on and off campus.

You will also receive an additional \$250.00 of Pioneer Express (\$650 total) with a bonus of \$50 included, which may be used exclusively at on-campus dining location.

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- Perfect for students that anticipate being on campus 5 days a week actively working as student employees and/or participating in campus activities and sports.

- An upgrade to the traditional 15 by providing an additional \$250 for use at campus dining locations for only an additional \$200. \$50 bonus PE funds.
- Plus Plans afford additional funds for students who want PE for Dining and who wish to utilize more than one swipe during meal periods.
- Plan meals must be utilized in the semester it is purchased. They do not rollover. PE funds that remain will rollover from Fall to Spring and must be used by their expiration date of June 30.

Weekly 10 Meal Plan w/\$800 PE - \$3,030.00

This plan provides access for up to 10 meals a week in Wayne Dining Hall and is ideal for students who will be joining us on campus 3-4 days a week and frequently visit our retail dining locations.

The recipient will be guaranteed a meal swipe for all breakfast, lunch, and dinner periods during the week. They will also have the ability to swipe in up to 1 guest per period until all their 10 meals have been utilized.

Where this plan stands out is it comes with a one-time deposit of \$800.00 of Pioneer Express which may be utilized at all dining locations and, where advertised both on and off campus.

- Perfect for students that are casual users of Wayne Dining Hall.
- The plan offers the most PE dollars allowing greater flexibility maximizing the usage of Pioneer Express both on and off campus.
- Plan meals must be utilized in the semester it is purchased. They do not rollover. PE funds that remain will rollover from Fall to Spring and must be used by their expiration date of June 30.

Block 175 Meal Plan w/\$350 PE - \$2,480.00

This plan will provide the recipient with access to 175 meals in Wayne Dining Hall which may be used as a declining balance throughout the duration of the semester. Perfect for upperclassmen students that have become accustomed to the dining program on campus.

They will also have the ability to swipe in up to 1 guest per period until all their 175 meals have been utilized.

This plan also comes with a one-time deposit of \$350.00 of Pioneer Express which may be utilized at all dining locations and, where advertised both on and off campus.

Please note: Since meals on this plan are a one-time deposit, it is not recommended for new students or those unfamiliar with our campus dining program.

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- Perfect for upperclassmen students that have become accustomed to college life managing an academic and dining schedule.
- Allows for students to pick and choose when they would like to utilize their meal swipes at their own leisure.

- Not recommended for new students who may run out of swipes earlier in the semester and have to rely on Pioneer Express until the end of term.
- Plan meals must be utilized in the semester it is purchased. They do not rollover. PE funds that remain will rollover from Fall to Spring and must be used by their expiration date of June 30.

Voluntary/Commuter Plans

Debit Meal Plan w/\$1,000 PE - \$1,000.00

- A plan designated for commuter and graduate students as well as apartment residents.
- Perfect for students who have access to a kitchen for some meals and need the flexibility of using their Pioneer Express for on-the-go meal purchases at retail dining locations and, where advertised both on and off campus.
- This meal plan does not contain a designated number of “meal swipes” into Wayne Dining Hall. Students will have to pay the door rate at entry but can use their PE to do so.

Commuter Intro Plan - \$95.00

- A great option for commuter students that would like to sample the campus’s meal plan program at the popular WDH.
- The intro plan is economically priced. After 10 swipes (or equivalencies) they can opt to upgrade to a higher plan.
- Plan meals must be utilized in the semester it is purchased. They do not rollover.

Commuter Basic Plan w/\$50 PE - \$285.00

- A great option for commuter students that would like to sample the meal plan program at the popular WDH and are on campus at least 2 times a week.
- The basic plan offers a good value at WDH and flexibility of utilizing PE at all dining locations and, where advertised both on and off campus.
- After 25 swipes (or equivalencies) they can opt to renew or change to another plan.
- Plan meals and PE funds must be utilized in the semester it is purchased. They do not rollover.

Commuter Convenience Plan w/\$75 P - \$525.00

- A great option for commuter students that are slightly familiar the campus’s meal plan program at the popular WDH and are on campus at least 3 times a week.
- The Convenience plan offers a great value at WDH and flexibility of utilizing PE at all dining locations and, where advertised both on and off campus.
- After 50 swipes (or equivalencies) they can opt to renew or change to another plan.
- Plan meals and PE funds must be utilized in the semester it is purchased. They do not rollover.

Commuter Advantage Plan w/\$300 PE - \$950.00

- The recommended option for commuter students that routinely utilize the campus's meal plan program at the popular WDH and are on campus at least 4 – 5 times a week.
- A great option for apartment residents that would traditionally select the graduate debit plan that also tend to eat primarily on campus.
- The Advantage plan offers the best value at WDH and the most PE funds offering the flexibility of accessing all locations both on and off campus where PE is accepted.
- After 75 swipes (or equivalencies) they can opt to select another plan.
- Plan meals and PE funds must be utilized in the semester it is purchased. They do not rollover.