

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Division of Student Life – Campus Dining  
House Dining Meal Plan Contract  
Terms and Conditions: 2025-2026**

The following terms and conditions of the House Dining Meal Plan Contract apply to all meal plan transactions involving meal plans, mobile credentials, Techcash Flex accounts, and cash diners at house dining locations, **\*\*\*except where noted**. The Contract is a binding agreement and is valid for the entire academic year.

**Required Meal Plan Enrollment**

Meal times contribute to building a sense of community within houses and promote interactions between residents, house staff, faculty, and guests. Students living in Baker House, Maseeh Hall, McCormick Hall, Next House, Simmons Hall, New Vassar, and 405 Memorial (Pi Phi) (collectively, “House Dining”) are required to enroll in one of the meal plans designated for their residence and class year eligibility.

Members of the first-year class assigned to a house dining residence should enroll in a meal plan following the close of the first-year housing lottery period. Incoming first year students assigned to a house dining residence who do not select a meal plan by Monday, August 4, 2025 are automatically enrolled in the 225 Block plan. Pi Phi residents have a 60 Block minimum plan. Returning students who opt to live in house dining residences are required to enroll in a meal plan by Wednesday, July 2, 2025; via the web at <https://mycard.mit.edu> Returning students who do not enroll in a meal plan by this date will default to the minimum meal plan of their class year. Required meal plan eligibility for dining residences is below:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Any 21 or Block 225	Block 190	Block 160	Block 160

**\*\*Minimum enrollment requirements are determined by the number of semesters individuals attend MIT. Individuals granted advanced class standing are not eligible to change their meal plan mid-academic year. For example, a first year granted second year status in January is not eligible for the second-year minimum enrollment plan until the third semester. For Transfer and Cross-registered students, minimum meal plans are based on the class year assigned by the MIT Registrar. Exchange students are assigned the third year minimum.**

Any student assigned to a house dining residence after August 1, 2025, who was not living in assigned housing for the spring 2025 semester, automatically defaults to the minimum meal plan on August 29, 2025 if they haven't selected a plan. Any student assigned to housing in a house dining residence after January 1, 2026 who was not living in assigned housing for the fall 2025 semester automatically defaults to the minimum meal plan on January 30, 2026 if they haven't selected a plan.

**All meal plans automatically renew for the spring semester, regardless of whether plans are required or voluntary. Students can make changes to meal plans through [mycard.mit.edu](https://mycard.mit.edu) once the Change Period opens. Changes should be made on a desktop or laptop.**

### Meal Plan Changes and Cancellations

We highly recommend changes occur during Change Periods. You may see a credit or charge depending on the specific circumstance on your student account. Changes will fully post by the 10 of the next month's billing period. Students may **only make one** change to their meal plans during each change period. For the academic year 2025-26, the fall semester change period begins on Friday August 8, 2025 and ends on Friday August 29, 2025. The spring semester change period begins Wednesday, December 10, 2025 and ends on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. **Change requests occurring after change period deadlines will be processed by prorating and refunding the initial plan, then adding a full replacement second plan.** Visit <https://mycard.mit.edu> to make changes.

### Refunds/Prorated Plans/Transaction Disputes

Students who move from a residence with House Dining, to a residence with no mandatory meal plan requirement may cancel their meal plan on a prorated basis beginning the day after their move date.

Meal plan holders seeking a refund for a meal swipe (i.e. accidental double swipe, inaccurate dining charge etc.) or other reason are asked to email [foodstuff@mit.edu](mailto:foodstuff@mit.edu) to request a review. When appropriate, refunds will be issued to a meal plan holder on a case-by-case basis.

**PLEASE NOTE: Students must cancel their meal plan independently of the housing reassignment or study-abroad process by emailing [foodstuff@mit.edu](mailto:foodstuff@mit.edu) with name and ID number.**

### Late Night Meals and Hours

All members of the residential community may use late night options offered at Simmons Hall and The Howard Dining Hall in Maseeh. Students may use a meal swipe, cash, dining dollars, and TechCASH during late night. Simmons late night service is 9:00pm–1:00am Sunday–Thursday. Maseeh late night service is open from 10:00pm–1:00am Sunday–Thursday. The first meal plan week of each semester and Institute holidays excluded. Adverse weather conditions may necessitate changes to late night schedules.

### Medical and Religious Meal Plan Modifications or Exemptions

MIT Dining takes all reasonable steps to assist participants with religious or medical dietary needs in the House Dining system, but MIT does not guarantee House Dining can address all possible dietary restrictions. MIT Dining works closely with Bon Appetit, MIT Health, Disability and Access Services (DAS), and ORSEL to assist those with special dietary needs. Meal plan exemption or reduction requests are for the following reasons only: medical diagnoses and religious observances. Both require documentation and/or statements from competent authority. A committee comprised of the above groups will review and make a formal decision. Excluded reasons: non-medical or religious related food preferences (for example, vegan & vegetarian), work or class schedules, choosing to take meals elsewhere, and access to house kitchens. Please email [foodstuff@mit.edu](mailto:foodstuff@mit.edu) for more information on the exemption process.

### Block Plan Semester

Each Block plan provides a set number of meals per semester and students can use more than one swipe during meal service period and for guests. Plans begin on the first official Saturday Maseeh breakfast of the semester and end after dinner on the last day of finals at the close of each semester. Block meal swipes not used by the conclusion of the semester do not carry over and cannot be refunded, transferred, or accumulated for future use.

### Any 21 Plan Week

The Any 21 plan has a set number of meals per week and students can swipe **once** per meal period. The meal plan week begins with Sunday Maseeh breakfast and ends with Saturday dinner in all houses. This plan is designed to

cover seven breakfasts, five lunches, seven dinners, and two brunches during a regular academic week. Weekly meal plan allocations reset Sunday morning prior to the breakfast period. Please note that some weeks of the semester include holidays or semester breaks, which will have reduced meal schedules and less than 21 meals available. The meal plan begins on the first official Saturday Maseeh breakfast of the semester and ends after dinner in all houses on the last day of finals at the close of each semester. The balance of unused swipes at the close of a week do not carry over, and are not refunded, transferred, or accumulated in any way for future use. Any 21 plans include 8 guest swipes per semester. The meal period schedule is available here: <https://studentlife.mit.edu/dining/residential-dining>

### **Cash Door Rates**

Students and staff can pay cash door rates with Techcash, cash, and dining dollars (for meal plan holders) at the six house dining locations. A MIT ID or mobile credential is required to access residential houses and dining halls. Current door rates will be posted in August 2025.

### **Children Door Rates**

Children under three years accompanying parents are not charged for dining hall meals. Children ages 3-12 years are charged at 50% of the corresponding meal door rate. Thirteen years and over pay the adults rates.

### **Meal Plan Program Schedule Opening and Closing Dates**

The official House Dining service for the 2025 fall semester begins with Maseeh breakfast on Saturday, August 30, 2025, at Maseeh and ends with dinner on Friday, December 19, 2025 in all houses. Service for the 2025 spring semester begins with breakfast at Maseeh on Saturday, January 31, 2026 and ends with dinner on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. The meal plan program does not cover summer, winter break or IAP. The meal plan covers Spring Break and Thanksgiving week with modified services and locations.

**For fall Welcome Week, Campus Dining and The Office of Orientation coordinate meals for first year students from Saturday, August 23 – Friday, August 29. Please look for schedules: <https://studentlife.mit.edu/dining>**

### **Scheduling**

MIT Dining may need to modify dining program hours of operation as service needs require. MIT Dining will make every reasonable effort to continue dining services during periods of weather emergency, power shortages, union actions, and unforeseen circumstances. Special announcements post on MIT Dining's home page, <https://studentlife.mit.edu/dining>, via the MIT Mobile App and/or through email sent to meal plan holders. Monday holidays typically include brunch and dinner service only. Thanksgiving week and spring break week schedules are announced several weeks in advance and have reduced meal service periods.

### **Guest Meal Passes**

Any 21 plan holders receive **8** guest passes per semester. Block meal plan swipes can be used for guest meals. The meal plan holder must accompany guests during meals. The meal plan holder must have the guest meal transaction processed by the cashier at the entry desk. There is no refund or rollover for unused guest passes at the end of each semester. Any 21 plan holders can donate up to six guest meals and Block plan holders can donate up to six regular swipes to SwipeShare.

### **Dining Dollars**

**\*\*\*Dining Dollars are optional, except for the 225 + \$150 plan. Only meal plan holders can add dining dollars to their meal plan accounts.** You can add any amount to your account at <http://mycard.mit.edu> beginning August 1 for the fall semester and January 1 for the spring semester. Funds can be accessed the day after semester change periods end. Campus retail food locations, house dining, and several off-campus locations all accept dining dollars for food and beverage purchases. Dining dollars come with a 5% discount (each \$1.00 in purchase costs you .95

cents in dining dollars) at on-campus dining locations. Unused Dining Dollars roll over from the fall to spring semester, as long as there is a spring contract. Fall dining dollars can be used over IAP. If there is no spring contract, a fall dining dollar credit posts to the student account. All dining dollars expire after commencement on May 31, 2025. Dining Dollars will be the default tender, followed by TechCash, in campus retail dining operations, except Concord Market in W20.

### **Change in status**

Students registered for the fall semester and enrolled in a meal plan who either will not be attending MIT during the spring semester or will be attending an MIT semester abroad program, must notify Campus Dining of the change in status and housing, using the online change/cancellation form. This avoids enrollment for a spring-semester meal plan and being charged.

### **Leaves of Absence**

Students may terminate this Contract without penalty, if given an Institute-approved leave. Students must notify MIT Dining of their leave status and pay for meal plan service used through their posted leave date or last usage date, whichever is later.

### **Billing**

Students are required to pay for the meal plan when it appears on their student account/monthly bill from Student Financial Services. Charges or credits resulting from meal plan changes will appear on student statements after the change is processed. Additional resources can be found at: <https://sfs.mit.edu/>

### **Dining Hall Access**

Meal Plan membership is nontransferable. To enter a House Dining hall, students must present their valid MIT ID card or Mobile ID and tap the reader upon entry. Students have the ability to use their mobile phones or watch in addition to their MIT ID card. If none of these options are available, the student should notify the cashier and the ID number will be recorded manually for processing. The specific meal (i.e., breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, or late night) deducts from the student's meal balance upon each tap. MIT Dining reserves the right to inspect MIT ID cards and request other appropriate identification to verify the identity and authorized meal plan user.

### **Lost or Stolen Cards**

Students who lose their MIT ID card, or have it stolen, should follow the procedures for card deactivation on the MIT Card Services web site. To protect meal plan balances, as well as TechCash and Dining Dollar account balances, students should deactivate their cards and obtain a replacement as soon as possible.

### **Contract Termination by MIT**

Contract termination is at MIT's sole discretion, due to a violation of the Plan or disciplinary action taken by MIT in accordance with Institute policies. Under such circumstances, refunds cover unused meals and dining dollars only.

### **Conditions of Meal Plan Participation and Service Policies:**

- House dining meal plans offer unlimited servings at all regular meals eaten in the dining halls, so we request you take what you want, but eat what you take.
- Except as otherwise specified, no food or beverages may be removed from the House Dining operations. Prohibited items include: Tupperware, Ziploc bags, and other non-approved to-go containers.
- Diners may take one piece of hand fruit, one cookie, or one ice cream cone when leaving the dining room. Please do not remove plates, bowls, glasses, cups and silverware.
- \*\*\*Only meal plan holders can utilize Bon Appetit's green box program. Containers are tracked within the meal plan system and cashiers will in-process or out-process each container. Customers utilizing

takeout containers are required to leave immediately after obtaining their food from the serving area and may not eat in the dining room. Cups for beverages are available for take-out customers. Green boxes should be returned to a dining hall following use.

- There are NO alcoholic beverages permitted in MIT Dining locations during regular service hours or at special events or catered activities, except through the MIT event registration process.
- Diners may not bring their own food and/or distribute outside food in house dining operations.
- Please notify house dining staff of food spills or accidents in the dining room, to help expedite cleanup and avoid safety hazards for everyone.
- For sanitation and safety purposes, shirts and shoes are required in all dining halls.
- Service animals are the only animals allowed in dining halls.
- MIT is not responsible for personal belongings brought into, or left in, dining halls. So please be mindful.
- Photography in dining halls is restricted to respect privacy. Please ask for prior authorization.

#### **MIT Debit Account and cash customers use of House Dining**

MIT Students and staff pay the door price when paying with cash, and TechCash and/or Dining Dollars. MIT Campus Dining posts cash prices on the web site and in all House Dining locations. All meal plans, debit accounts and cash customers agree to the terms and conditions of this Contract, upon entering the dining room.

#### **Express Meals & Sick Meals**

Please email [foodstuff@mit.edu](mailto:foodstuff@mit.edu) for more information.

Enforcement of this Agreement is in accordance with applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.