

CHARGING SCHOOL MEALS

The Board of Education recognizes that, on occasion, students may forget to bring meal money to school. To ensure that students do not go hungry, but also to promote responsible student behavior and to minimize the fiscal burden on the district, all district schools shall follow guidelines with regard to meal charges.

- No more than five meals per student may be charged; until the account is paid the student will be offered an alternative meal such as peanut butter and jelly or cheese sandwich
- Only regular meals may be charged, that is, only what is on the menu
- No snacks may be charged;
- A computer-generated point of sale system shall be used for identifying and recording all charged meals, as well as for collecting repayments

This policy applies to all paying students whether they are paying full-price or reduced-price.

A student who abuses this policy may be denied a meal. If school authorities suspect that a student may be abusing this policy, they must first provide written notice to the parent that if he/she continues to abuse this policy, the privilege of charging meals will be refused.

The school district shall send a letter home to all parents on an annual basis, prior to the opening day of school, notifying them of the requirements of this policy.

All schools shall maintain a system for accounting for charged meals that follows state guidelines.

Ref: Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. §1771 et seq.
National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C., §1715 et seq.
Guidance Document, State Education Department, Child Nutrition Program; “Establishing a Meal Charge Policy”, August 2005

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