

Unpaid Meals and Charge policy

Purpose/Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent meal account procedures throughout the district. Unpaid meal charges place a financial strain on the food service department. The goals of this policy are:

- To treat all students with dignity in the serving line regarding meal accounts.
- To support positive situations with district staff, district business policies, students, and parents/guardian to the maximum extent possible.
- To establish policies that are age appropriate.
- To encourage parent/guardian to assume the responsibility of meal payments and to promote self-responsibility of the student.
- To establish a consistent district policy regarding charges and collection of charges.

Food service repeatedly provides meals without the benefit of payment to students who are on full-price status. Children should not go hungry, and at the same time a policy needs to be in place that helps support the food service department. To provide guidelines to better handle this situation the following department policy is provided.

Students will be allowed to charge 4 regular meals to their accounts in case they do not have money to pay. It is expected that these meals will be paid for. No alternate meals will be given to students. The parents will be notified of outstanding charges after the second, third, and fourth borrow. Students will be verbally reminded and a note will be sent home to make their parents aware. Parents will need to settle the meal charges in order for the student to continue to participate.