

Unpaid Meal Charge Policy

It is our policy to never deny a student a meal. We recognize that students who are hungry do not perform as well in the classroom.

Parents are notified via email when student accounts reach a **low balance** of \$20.00 to encourage payment before a student account becomes delinquent.

Parents are notified via email when student accounts reach a **negative amount**. In addition, all Middle School and High School students are verbally told that they need to bring lunch money once they have a negative account. Parents will be notified via letter when student accounts drop below -\$30.00.

If a student account reaches -\$75.00, the account will be turned over to the District Office. The District Office will send a certified/return receipt letter to the parent/guardian stating that they have 10 business days to pay in full or to set up payments. If the account is not paid in full or a payment schedule arranged within 10 business days, the District Office will turn the account over to a collection agency.

Students at Middle School and High School lose their ala carte privileges when they have a negative account. They can continue to use their account for a school meal but may not use it for ala carte purchases.

All families are strongly encouraged to apply for Free/Reduced Price School Meals. A new application must be submitted each school year.

Please contact Laura Fails with questions or concerns.
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