**St. Bernard Parish Schools**

**Meal Charge Policy**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the meal policy is to establish a consistent meal charge account policy and procedures throughout the district.

**The goals of the policy are:**

* To establish a consistent district policy regarding charges and collection of charges.
* To treat all students with respect and dignity in the serving line and regarding meal accounts.
* To support positive situations with district staff, district business policies, students, parents and guardians to the maximum extent possible.
* To establish age appropriate practices and minimize the fiscal burden to the district.
* To encourage parents and students to assume the responsibility of meal payments and to promote an atmosphere of responsibility.

**Guidelines:**

Each student’s meal status is determined through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). During the 2023-2024 school year, all students enrolled in St. Bernard Parish Schools are eligible to receive one free breakfast and one free lunch per day. In addition, students enrolled in the aftercare program at Arabi Elementary School and students who participate in afterschool academic programs are eligible to receive snacks.

**Meal debt notification and procedures.**

During the 2023-2024 school year, **All St. Bernard Parish Schools (PK-12 grade)** will participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Breakfast and lunch meals will be offered free of charge to all students.

Additionally, parents may send cash or personal checks to the school cafeteria for extra sale items offered such as milk ($0.50), juice ($0.50), entrée ($1.00), side items ($0.50), and/ or bottled water ($1.00). **Extra sale items must be paid for at the time of purchase or by placing money on the child’s account. Charging is not allowed for extra sale items.**

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