

2020-2021

Meal Charging Policy

Oregon House Bill 3454 specifies that when a student requests a reimbursable meal during meal service, they shall receive a meal regardless of the ability to pay for meals. A reimbursable meal consists of at least three (3) components from the five (5) following food groups; Meat/Meat Alternate, Grain, Vegetable, Fruit and Fluid Milk. A student must take a minimum of 3 components from the 5 options, and one of the components must be at least 1/2 cup of fruit or vegetable. For clarification purposes, **the cost or accrued balances of received meals are the responsibility of the parent or guardian.**

- Due to provisions in Oregon law, the district is unable to establish a charging limit for all accounts.
- Students who are without funds will be allowed to charge meals, unless the student's parent or guardian has provided written permission to withhold a meal from the student to reduce the amount of that student's debt.
- Beaverton School District will not publicly identify a student who cannot pay for a meal because of a negative balance. We will provide a student their balance only if they inquire.
- Students will not be allowed to charge a la carte menu items. (Including a carton of milk.)
- Adults cannot charge meals or a la carte items.

Account Management and Negative Balance Notifications:

Balance Inquiry

- Parents/ Guardians/Students can inquire directly with the cafeteria staff about their account balances.
- Parents/Guardians/ Students can see their students' balance, create alerts and use the auto pay feature by signing up for a free SchoolCafé account. Please visit: <https://www.schoolcafe.com/register>

Account Payments

- Prepayments at school - cash or check are accepted in the school cafeteria. Receipts are provided upon request.
- Prepayments online – SchoolCafé can be used for online payments. There is a small fee for using SchoolCafé to make deposits.

Negative Balance Notification

- Automated phone calls and/or emails generated by the school district's "School Messenger" system. To sign up for **School Messenger**, please go to: <https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/departments/public-safety/schoolmessenger>
- Letter(s) to the parent or guardian.
- Phone calls from the Nutrition Services (NS) department.

End of Year Student Account Balances

Student account balances (positive and negative), automatically roll over to the following school year. If a student has funds and no longer attends Beaverton School District, families can do the following:

- Request a refund check. NOTE: Refund checks may take up to 3-4 weeks to process.
- Request the funds be transferred to a sibling's student meal account.
- Request the funds be donated to pay off negative balances. Donations can be made to specific students, schools or where needed most.

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