

**2021-2022**  
**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 negative balances for received meals are the responsibility of the parent or guardian.**

- **For school year 2021-2022 Beaverton School District Nutrition Services will utilize waivers from USDA and breakfast or lunch meals will be provided to all students at no cost.**
- We will provide a student their meal account balance only if they inquire.
- Students must have a positive balance on their meal account or cash to purchase a la carte menu items. (Including a carton of milk.)
- Adults must have a positive balance on their meal account or cash to purchase meals or a la carte items.

**Account Management:**

**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.

**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.