



MT. VERNON

COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

CHARGE POLICY

The goal of MVCSC Food Service Program is to provide healthy meals meals to children during each school day. In order to serve nutritious, high-quality meals to all children, we must make sure we are financially secure. Per USDA Regulations, Mt. Vernon Schools is not allowed to incur debt from unpaid meal charges. Therefore, Mt. Vernon has set the following charge policy:

- If a student has a negative account balance ($< \$0$), s/he shall be provided a regular reimbursable meal that follows the USDA meal pattern, the cost of which shall continue to accrue to his/her negative account balance.
- A student with a significant negative account balance shall not be permitted to charge any a la carte food or beverage items or extras.
- Any significant negative balance ($> - \$10$) will be pursued for collection.
- A student consistently sent without a lunch and/or without proper funds will be reported as a sign of abuse/neglect.

To prevent any negative account balances, the Food Service Department will send out several communications. Multiple notice letters will be sent out to parents/guardians. If the student's significant negative balance is not brought back up to zero or above at the end of the semester, payers will be sent to collections.

In addition to receiving negative account notices, parents may choose to set up low balance notifications through Skyward Family Access. Funds can be added to your students account via cash, check or eFunds.

We encourage all families to apply for free and reduced price meal benefits.

To view the full policy, please visit the Mt. Vernon Food Service page at

<https://www.mvsc.k12.in.us/Administration/8>.

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