

The district will meet the meal price guidelines for students and adults as required by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs. It is the policy of the district that all student meals be paid for in advance in order to efficiently and accurately account for all meals served in the food service program. The following guidelines are established for the purpose of maintaining efficient food service operations.

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Elementary school students in the district are limited to three (3) charged meals. After three meals have been charged, students will need to bring a cold lunch or will receive a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a carton of milk until their account is paid in full. Students with an allergy to peanuts will receive a cheese sandwich. Students with a negative account balance are not allowed to purchase a la carte items.

After the first meal is charged or when the account is one dollar (\$1.00) negative, the parent/guardian will be notified of the negative account balance with an e-mail notification. A second e-mail notification will be sent after the second charged meal. After the third charged meal, an e-mail notification will be sent with an attached application for free or reduced-price meals. In the event no e-mail address is listed for the parent, the notifications will be mailed. Parents will have five (5) days to satisfy the balance, return a completed free or reduced-price meal application, or make other arrangements with the building principal. If no attempt has been made to satisfy the account or provide for the student's meal within five (5) school days, the building principal will notify the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, if appropriate, and/or the student's report card will be withheld until all charges have been paid in full.

SECONDARY STUDENTS

Secondary students in the district are not allowed to charge meals. Students who do not have money in their account will need to bring a cold lunch or will be given a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a carton of milk until their account is paid in full. Students with an allergy to peanuts will receive a cheese sandwich. Students with a negative account balance are not allowed to purchase a la carte items. Students with a negative balance will not receive report cards until all charges have been paid in full.

ACCOUNT BALANCES

A parent/guardian may call the school cafeteria or the food service director to place a block on his/her child's account to prohibit the purchase of a la carte items.

All negative accounts must be settled at or before the end of the school year. Parents/guardians will be notified one (1) week before the last day of school for elementary students whose accounts are low or negative. Negative balances over one dollar (\$1.00) will result in report cards being held until the account is paid in full. The district reserves the right to take additional action as appropriate to collect on delinquent accounts.

Account balances will rollover to the next school year. Students who are graduating at the end of the year will be given a refund of their balance. Funds can be transferred to a sibling’s account with a written request from the parent/guardian. Students who withdraw from the district must submit a written request for a refund of any money remaining in their account.

Account balances may be checked at any time by accessing the designated website with appropriate login information or by calling the school cafeteria. Parents/guardians may also sign up for low balance notices and/or automatic payments with the online payment vendor.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Sections

33-512 – Governance of Schools

33-603 – Payment of Fees or Returning of Property

42 U.S.C. §§1751 et seq. – National School Lunch Act

7 C.F.R. Part 210 – National School Lunch Program

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Note: This policy is required; however, the language is discretionary. All full-price policies for school meals are matters of local discretion. This includes decisions about whether or not to extend credit to children who forget their meal money or whether or not to provide an alternate meal to such children. Schools are encouraged to always provide meals to preprimary and younger primary students or to students with disabilities that may make them unable to take full responsibility for their meals.