

# Strafford R-VI School District Charging Policy

**Students are allowed to charge up to ten meals. Once a student reaches limit number of meals they will be offered an alternative meal. Please make regular deposits into your student's account to maintain a positive balance and to prevent them from receiving an alternative meal. Unless meals are provided at no charge, the district expects students and employees to pay for meals prior to or at the time of receipt. The ability to charge meals is a privilege, not a right, and is subject to limitations established in this procedure.**

- The alternative meal is offered up to five consecutive days and may be either PB & J or ham & cheese rollup with choice of milk.
- The alternative meal is offered only at lunch time. It is offered at the point of service.
- Payment Options: 1). in person- You may bring your student's deposit to the office of any building or send it in with your child. 2.) Pay Online: Going through your parent portal and using credit card. ( \$3 transaction fee) 3.) Pay by mail: send to 201 W. McCabe, Strafford, Mo. 65757
- Balance on account is checked prior to a student purchasing anything "extra" in order to keep charges at the limit.
- Households are notified by email on the same day their student's account goes into a negative balance and first charge is applied.
- Pre-Buy envelopes are sent home weekly in the Elementary, ECC and Middle School to any student with a negative balance beginning with \$-0.40. HS students are told at point of service and may be handed an envelope at that time.
- All students can check the balance in their account at the scanner table after serving line is done.
- Students' balance and meal purchases can be viewed at any time on your Parent Portal.
- In May, approximately one week prior to last meal served, no charging will be allowed. This helps ensure that there are no outstanding negative balances at the end of the school year. During this time the alternative meal is offered and provided for students with any negative balance.
- All second meals are charged at full-price regardless of student's meal benefits (free/reduced).
- Kindergarten/PK- the afternoon milk offered daily at snack time is \$0.40. This cost is the same for all students whether, free, reduced or full-pay. This milk is not a part of the National School Breakfast Program or the National Lunch Program.
- High School/Middle School- Baked Potato Bar and Salad Bar are offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in lieu of a tray. These meals meet the state nutritional requirements for reimbursement and are applied to the student's meal account the same way a tray is. If a student gets both (tray and food bar), within the same mealtime, then the second meal is served at full-price regardless of student's meal benefit status.
- Snack Bar, pizza, and Chick-Fil-A are cash only. Snack Bar is available daily in HS/MS. Chick -Fil-A is offered on Tuesdays in HS & MS. Pizza is offered in El., MS, and HS on Thursdays.
- Regarding delinquent debt- All fines are to be paid by the end of each school year.