

CHICKAMAUGA CITY SCHOOLS CAFETERIA NO CHARGE PROCEDURE

Effective July 1, 2023

The Chickamauga City Schools District participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program. This allows the school system to offer free and reduced priced meals to students who qualify and to receive a federal supplement for each student meal served.

The Chickamauga City Schools District will provide balanced nutritional meals. However, the School Nutrition Program is a self-supporting operation and relies on meal payments and federal meal supplements to fund the program. It is therefore necessary to have a procedure for the collection of meal payments.

- Families are encouraged to apply for free and reduced priced meal benefits each year. Applications are given to each student on the first day of school or on the student's first day of attendance. Additional applications are available throughout the year from the school office, the cafeteria cashier or the Superintendent's office. **Applications can be completed on-line at [LunchApplication](#)**. Families may apply at any time or multiple times during the year, as circumstances change.
- Families are encouraged to pre-pay for meals with cash, check or online at [K-12 Payment Center](#). Payments may be received by the student's homeroom teacher, the cafeteria cashier, or the school office. Parents may view balances, create low balance alerts, and schedule automatic payments online.
- **The School Nutrition Program has a "no charge policy".**
- Middle and high school students will not be allowed to purchase food without a cash payment or available funds in their account.
- No student will be permitted to purchase extras or a' la carte items without a cash payment or available funds in their account.
- Parents may call the Nutrition Office, at 706-382-3100, ext. 4008, to discuss financial circumstances.
- All previous unpaid charges will be subject to collections.
- A copy of this procedure will be provided to all households at the beginning of the school year, available on the school website and included with any delinquent account notice.

Meal Prices for the 2024-2025 School Year

	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Middle/High</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Visitors</u>
Lunch	3.00	3.15	4.25	5.50
Premium Lunch		3.50	4.25	5.50
Breakfast	2.10	2.10	3.75	4.00

"This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider"