

Middle Country Central School District

Series 8000 - SUPPORT SERVICES

MEAL CHARGE POLICY

Policy # 8505

The Board of Education recognizes that, on occasion, students may forget to bring meal money to school. To ensure that students do not go hungry, but also to promote responsible student behavior and to minimize the fiscal burden on the district, all district schools shall follow guidelines with regard to meal charges.

- No more than four meals per student may be charged;
- Only regular meals may be charged, that is, only what is on the menu
- No snacks may be charged;
- A computer-generated point of sale system shall be used for identifying and recording all charged meals, as well as for collecting repayments

This policy applies to all paying students whether they are paying full-price or reduced-price.

A student who abuses this policy may be denied a meal. If school authorities suspect that a student may be abusing this policy, they must first provide written notice after the third charge to the parent that if he/she continues to abuse this policy, the privilege of charging meals will be refused.

The School District shall send a letter home to all parents on an annual basis, notifying them of the requirements of this policy.

All schools shall maintain a system for accounting for charged meals that follows state guidelines.

Please note: Families that register for on-line school meal accounts can set their accounts to automatically warn when account balances are getting low. This is a terrific timesaver for reminders when more money is needed in your child's account and eliminates the need to rush cash or checks into the school kitchen.

For more information, go to www.mccsd.net and click into "**Lunch Menus/Accounts**" on the left side of the homepage, then into the GREEN "**On Line Meal Accounts...**" Box.