

**ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOLS**  
Independent School District No. 623

Policy 534 – School Meals Policy

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students receive healthy and nutritious meals through the school district's nutrition program and that school district employees, families, and students have a shared understanding of expectations regarding meal charges. Roseville Area Schools' policy is to provide meals to students in a respectful manner and to maintain the dignity of students by prohibiting lunch shaming or stigmatization of students. The policy seeks to allow students to receive the nutrition they need to stay focused during the school day and minimize identification of students with insufficient funds to pay for a la carte items or second meals as well as to maintain the financial integrity of the National School Breakfast and Lunch program.

2.0 Payment of Meals

2.1 Roseville Area Schools will offer all students in prekindergarten through twelfth grade one breakfast and one lunch at no cost each school day in accordance with legislation authorizing the free school meals program, Minnesota Statutes section 124D.111.

2.2 Once a meal has been placed on a student's tray or otherwise served to a student, the meal may not be subsequently withdrawn from the student by the cashier or other school employee.

3.0 Notification of Account Status

3.1 The school district will make reasonable efforts to notify families when meal account balances are low or fall below zero.

3.2 Reminders for payment of outstanding student meal balances will not demean or stigmatize any student participating in the school lunch program.

4.0 Unpaid Meal Charges

4.1 The school district will make reasonable efforts to communicate with families to resolve the matter of unpaid charges.

4.2 The school district will make reasonable efforts to collect unpaid meal charges classified as delinquent.

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4.3 The school district will not limit a student's participation in any school activities, graduation ceremonies, field trips, athletics, activity clubs, or other extracurricular activities or access to materials, technology, or other items provided to students due to an unpaid student meal balance.

### 5.0 Communication of Policy

5.1 This policy will be distributed to households annually.

5.2 The policy will be posted on the district's website.

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