Michigan City Area Schools
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MCAS Food Service

Meal Charge Policy

Administrative Rule on Charging

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) requires school food authorities to establish written administrative guidelines and policy for meal charges. Michigan City Area Schools will adhere to the following meal charge policy.

All Buildings

1. Michigan City Area Schools will not allow any charging through the meal program.
2. Michigan City Area Schools will be providing one breakfast and one lunch at no charge under the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) to all enrolled students. Afterschool snacks are free for enrolled program participants.
3. Every student has a meal account and staff should request one if they do not. Deposits should be made through Ling Connect at this link. The information is also available on our website at https://www.educatemc.net/. New users will have to set up an online account. There is a minimum deposit amount of $20. MCAS Food Service is absorbing the processing fee.
4. All students are required to have money in their account to purchase a milk or a la carte item(s). They will not be able to make a purchase without funds available in their account.
5. All staff is required to have money in their account to purchase a meal or ala carte item(s).
6. All buildings are cashless.

All Accounts

1. Students who graduate or withdraw from the district and have $10.00 or more in their food service account will be notified by mail by the Food and Nutrition Department office at the end of the school year and given an option to transfer the funds to another account or to receive a refund. If no response is received in 30 days the student's food service account will be closed and the funds will no longer be available. Staff who leave the district will need to notify the Food Service Department for a refund.

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