

Unpaid Meal Charges

The district's meal charging requirements are as follows.

Students without funds to purchase meals.

Proper nutrition is essential for adequate learning to occur. The district policy regarding students without funds in their meal accounts aims to ensure that all students are treated with dignity and respect in the serving line. A regular reimbursable meal will be served to all students regardless of account balance. No breakfast or lunch will be taken away from a student, regardless of ability to pay. No alternative meal will be given to students with a low or negative balance. Payments for school meals may be made at the school, district office, or through the district website. Students, parents, and guardians of students are encouraged to prepay meal costs. The district will provide a copy of this unpaid meal charges policy to all households at or before the start of school each year and to families and students that transfer into the district at the time of transfer. The terms of this policy will also be communicated to all district staff responsible for enforcing any aspect of the policy, a copy of the policy will be posted in district meal service facilities, and the policy will be made available on the district's website and social media accounts. Records of how and when it is communicated to households and staff will be retained. "Bad debt" determined by the District must be written off as an operating loss and restored using non-Federal funds, even if it has been turned over for collection through other legal means.

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