

**Student Meal Account Information
Sherrard School District
2026-2027**

The National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs provide children with nutritious meals during the school day. Families participating at the reduced or paid rate are expected to pay for their children's meals. Families not eligible for free or reduced meals through direct certification (SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid eligibility) can obtain an application to apply for meal benefits. The application is available on the district website or the school your child attends. All meals are expected to be paid for until an application has been approved. Written notice will be mailed to families once an application has been approved or denied.

Funds for student meal accounts can be deposited by either sending a check/cash to the school your child attends or by using a credit card to deposit the funds directly into your child's meal account. Families can also track the account balance through the child's meal account.

At PreK-6 buildings parents will be notified when the account gets to \$10.00 or less. Parents will be notified of low-balance accounts at least one time per week. Notices will either be sent home with students or by automated calls. **Students with a negative balance will not be allowed to charge a la carte items.**

At the Jr-Sr High when a student's meal account balance gets to \$10.00 or less the student will be verbally notified by the cashier. Automated calls will be sent out on a weekly basis to notify parents of a low balance. **If a student has a negative meal account balance, the student will receive an email stating they will not be allowed to charge a la carte items until a deposit has been received.**

2026-2027 Meal Prices:

Breakfast (PreK-12)	\$1.35
Breakfast (reduced)	\$.30
Lunch (PreK-6)	\$2.70
Lunch (7-12)	\$2.85
Lunch (reduced)	\$.40

District Policy – Negative Meal Accounts:

Unpaid meal charges are considered delinquent debt when payment is overdue as defined by Board Policy 4:45. When there is a negative balance, reminders will be provided to the parent/guardian at regular intervals during the school year. State law allows the Building Principal or designee to contact parent/guardian to attempt collections of the owed money when the amount owed is more than the amount of five lunches. If a parent/guardian regularly fails to provide meal money for the child(ren) that he/she is responsible for in the District and does not qualify for free meals the Building Principal or designee will direct the next course of action. Continual failure to provide meal money may require the District to take legal steps to recover the unpaid meal charges, up to and including seeking an offset under the State Comptroller Act, if applicable.