Department of Child Nutrition

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MPSD Policy JGHR:

Charge Policy

The Child Nutrition Department is responsible for all meal accounts and notifying parents and staff of any negative balances.

The Parent/Guardian is responsible for maintaining adequate funds in their child/children meal account, including utilizing the on-line account services.

MPSD cafeterias operate within the regulations of the USDA and the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which allows all student meals free of charge.

1. Therefore:
    1. No charges will be allowed for the sale of second meals to students.
    2. No charges will be allowed for the sale of extra food items and/or beverages to students.
    3. Meal prices for students and adults are established by the School Board. Therefore, meal prices for adults must cover the cost of the meal including preparation and service as no financial assistance is received from the government or state for adult meals. An adult meal consists of the same food components as the student tray.
2. No charges will be allowed for adult meals or a la carte sales.
3. In-kind meals are available free of charge for all Child Nutrition employees only. All other adults including instructional personnel, custodial personnel, maintenance personnel, support staff, and guests must pay for meals or food received through the Child Nutrition operation.
4. An in-kind meal consists of the same food components and serving sizes as students.

Collections:

1. Payments are to be made at the point of service. All daily meal counts are taken at the end of the serving line by the cashier. Payments of meals/food items will be by cash, check, or prepay.
2. Due to a limited change fund, personal checks may not be cashed from the Child Nutrition fund and change cannot be made for bills greater than $5.00.
3. Bad debts are non-allowable expenditures of federal funds, therefore losses from bad checks cannot be paid from Child Nutrition funds.

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