

Santa Paula Unified School District

**Nutrition Services
Meal Charge Policy
August 12th, 2026**

The Santa Paula Unified School District offers free breakfast and lunch to all enrolled students under the California Universal Meals Program and Community Eligibility Program. Regardless of a student's eligibility status, each student can receive 1 breakfast and 1 lunch each school day at NO CHARGE.

In addition to the free meals offered, students may purchase second meals or a la carte items that are not part of the free, reimbursable meal. The Cafeteria records payments received through the Point-of-Sale system (Q) and tracks meals purchased to each student. Students must bring cash or have money on their student account to purchase second meals or a la carte items. Meal charges into the negative are not permitted.

At the beginning of the school year, parents/guardians shall be notified in writing of the district's meal payment policies by posting this policy on the district's website. All Food Service staff shall also be trained on this policy.

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