



Meal Charge Policy

Although it is the primary responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide their child with lunch, whether it is brought from home or purchased with funds, Marysville Exempted Village School District recognizes that, on occasion, students may forget, lose, or encounter a zero balance on their meal account. To establish consistent meal charge procedures, the Marysville Exempted Village School District will allow students to charge up to **\$15.00**. Marysville Schools expects parents/guardians to remit funds on the next school day to clear up any negative balances on the student's meal account, as unpaid meal charges place a financial strain on the self-sustaining Food Service Department.

The following outlines the procedures that will be followed:

- When a student has \$10.00 on their account, the cashier will verbally tell the student how much is left on their account.
- When the student's account has reached a negative balance, the cashier will verbally tell the student they have no more meals on their account. Additionally, parents/guardians will receive email alerts that the account is negative. (Parents need to set this up through [PaySchoolsCentral](#).)
- When the account reaches **-\$5.00**, food service staff will contact the parent/guardians by phone or email to request payment and inform them that the student is near their charge limit. Once a student has reached the charge limit, the student will receive an alternate meal of a deli or cheese sandwich, a vegetable, and milk.
- If still unable to collect and the student has received two (2) alternate meals, the Head Cook will contact the school office and Director of Child Nutrition guardians by phone, indicating that charge privileges have been suspended.

Additional Considerations:

- No à la carte (snacks or extra items) charges are permitted.
- When the student's account has reached a negative balance, parents/guardians will receive email notifications that the account is in the negative.
- No adult charging is permitted.
- No alternative meals will be offered for students in grades 9-12
- Families may apply for free/reduced meal benefits anytime during the school year.

Applications are available online at [PaySchoolsCentral](#) and paper applications are also available at all school offices and cafeterias.

Parents/guardians can track the balance of their student's account online at [PaySchoolsCentral](#).

Parents/guardians are encouraged to take advantage of the options to prepay student meal accounts. Prepaid meal accounts help the lunch lines go faster and give the students more time to eat, relax, and play. All charges not paid before the end of the school year will be carried forward into the next school year.