

Unpaid Meal Charges

The District recognizes the importance of student access to appropriate nutritional content and the related benefits to their academic learning and development. The District also has an obligation to ensure the financial stability of our food service program in an effort to prevent or minimize subsidy from the general fund. The District operates a food service program as a convenience to families. Participation is voluntary and is available to students contingent upon their family providing sufficient funds to support student purchases.

The District recognizes that, at times, a student's lunch account may have a negative balance. Efforts will be made to communicate with such families regarding the status of their child's negative balance while maintaining confidentiality for the student.

The District will permit students to continue to consume school meals until their balance reaches -\$20.00. When a student's food service account balance exceeds -\$20.00, the student will no longer be permitted to charge a meal purchase to their account. The District will provide a basic alternative sack lunch for no more than five days. The alternative meal will consist of a sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Following consumption of five days of alternate sack lunch, student access to school meals will be suspended until the financial obligation is paid, or a payment plan has been agreed to with the District's business office.

School staff members must have sufficient funds in their account or pay with cash at the time of purchase. Staff members will not be permitted to carry a negative balance on their account.

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