

POLICY

Meal Charge Policy

The Board of Education recognizes that, on occasion, students may forget to bring meal money to school. To ensure that students do not go hungry, but also to promote responsible student behavior and to minimize the fiscal burden on the district, all district schools shall follow guidelines with regard to meal charges.

- No more than five meals per student may be charged in the Elementary school and three in the Jr/Sr High School;
- Only regular meals may be charged, that is, only what is on the menu
- No snacks may be charged;
- A computer-generated point of sale system shall be used for identifying and recording all charged meals, as well as for collecting repayments.

This policy applies to all paying students whether they are paying full-price or reduced-price.

Jr/Sr High School	Up to 3 reimbursable meals may be charged. No a la carte food or snacks can be charged
Elementary School	Up to 5 reimbursable meals may be charged. No a la carte food or snacks can be charged

Any student that has exceeded his/her grade level charging limit, including high school students, will be offered a peanut butter sandwich or an alternate if he/she has documented allergies.

The school district will inform all parents on an annual basis, prior to the opening day of school, notifying them of the requirements of this policy.

All schools shall maintain a system for accounting for charged meals that follows state guidelines.

Ref: Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. §1771 et seq.

National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C, § 1715 et seq.

Guidance Document, State Education Department, Child Nutrition Program;
"Establishing a Meal Charge Policy," August 2005