

Charging School Meals Policy

The Okemos Food Service Department will offer meals that meet the Federal school meal guidelines to all students. Consistent meal account procedures will be established throughout the district to minimize the fiscal burden to the district.

The point-of-sale system tracks all charges and payments. Students with unpaid balances are required to pay their owed balance in full by the last day of each school year.

If a student is without meal money on a consistent basis, the administration will investigate more closely and take further action as needed. If financial hardship exists, parents/guardians are encouraged to apply for free or reduced price lunches for their child.

This policy is to comply with Office of Management & Budget Guidance for Grants, per 2 CFR Part 200.426, bad debt (debts which have been determined to be uncollectable), including losses (whether actual or estimated to be uncollectable), including losses (whether actual or estimated) arising from uncollectable accounts and other claims, are unallowable.

Reference: Office of Management & Budget Uniform Guidance
for Grants, per 2 CFR Part 200.426
See Also: Board Policy 3542 Food Services

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Regulation – Charging School Meals Policy

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Students in grades K-12 who do not have meal money to pay for their breakfast or lunch are permitted to charge a maximum of three reimbursable lunches once their balance reaches zero. Students who have reached their charging limit and request a meal will be offered an alternate meal. The cost of the alternative meal will be added to the outstanding balance. If a student has a charge balance, the school will provide a meal when the student is using money to pay for the current day's meal or future meals.

The charging privilege pertains to complete school meals only. Students who have negative account balances cannot charge a la carte items.

Cashiers will inform students when they get low on funds to let their parents/guardians know that they need more money. When a student's account falls below zero in their account, the parent or guardian will receive notification that their student's account is in need of a deposit.

No charging will be allowed the last week of every school year to make certain that all debts are paid in full by the end of the year.

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