

## **School Meal Policies**

### **Lansing USD469**

In an effort to reduce or eliminate negative meal account balances in the district, the school district has implemented the following policy for the district food service programs. Implementation of this policy will protect the district (and ultimately families) against negative balances that continue to grow and become more difficult for all parties to manage.

\*\*This policy went into effect August 14, 2018.

#### **School Meal Charge Policy**

Families are expected to provide money for each student's meal account on a regular and consistent basis. Applications for free or reduced meals are available on the district website ([www.usd469.net](http://www.usd469.net)) or by phoning the Food Service Department at 913-727-3357 and are accepted throughout the year as situations may change. For all schools, the following stipulations apply:

1. Parents will receive an email, text and/or phone call when their student's account falls below \$0.
2. Students with a negative balance will not be allowed to purchase a la carte items unless paying with cash.

#### **Payment Methods**

The Food Service Department accepts cash or checks in person or online credit/debit card payments for student meals through Skyward.

For checks returned due to insufficient funds, account balances will be reduced by the amount of the returned check. Cash must be deposited in the student's account for the amount of the returned check or insufficient funds check before any more checks will be accepted.

*The month of May:* Negative charges may not be accepted during the month of May at any school. Students must have money in their account or cash in hand to purchase a school lunch or a la carte items. If the student does not have money in their account, the alternate meal may be provided.

#### **PIN Cards**

Each year 2 PIN cards are issued to all new students to use for meal purchases. One is credit card sized and one is to attach to a keychain or back pack. MS/HS students are also issued student id's which can also be used for meal purchases. Students that have lost their cards or continue to not bring a card will be issued a new one at a cost of \$1 per card.