

School Meal Charge Policy Lansing USD469

In an effort to reduce or eliminate negative meal account balances in the district, the school district is implementing the following “no charge policy” for the district food service programs. Implementation of a policy that discontinues this practice will protect the district (and ultimately families) against negative balances that continue to grow and become more difficult for all parties to manage.

Should a student attempt to purchase a meal without an adequate meal account balance, they will be provided an alternate meal. For lunch, alternate meals will include a cheese sandwich, a carton of white milk and a serving of fruit or vegetables. For breakfast, the alternate meal will consist of cereal, white milk, and a serving of fruit.

This policy will go into effect October 1st, 2016.

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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) or by phoning the district office at 913-727-1100. For all schools, the following stipulations apply:

1. Parents will receive an email when their student’s account falls below \$10.00.
2. Parents will be contacted by phone when their student’s account falls below \$0.
3. When a student’s account falls below negative \$10.00, the alternate meal will be provided. Building principals will determine how to confidentially communicate this to individual students.
4. After five alternative meals, social services may be notified at the discretion of the building principal.
5. Students with a negative account balance will not be allowed to purchase ala carte items unless paying with cash.

Meal Accounts Delinquent Prior to the 2016-2017 School Year

1. For meal accounts delinquent prior to the 2016-2017 school year, parents will be contacted and offered an opportunity to enter into a payment plan.
2. Regular meal options will be available to students while their parents honor the terms of the payment plan.
3. The school district will determine when to use collection agencies or civil court proceedings on a case-by-case basis.

Payment Methods

The Food Service Department accepts cash, checks 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.

Charges will not be allowed 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 ala-carte items. If the student does not have money in their account, the alternate meal will be provided.