

Meals are offered by the district through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). In accordance with the NSLP, all cost of meals must be recovered through the price of school lunch, and state and federal reimbursements. The District is not allowed to serve lunches at no cost.

Occasionally there are circumstances where a student may not have lunch or breakfast money for the day. The district will offer a “credit meal” in these instances, using the following guidelines:

The district will make reasonable, discrete efforts to notify parents when meal account balances are low (\$9.00). Usually, the student is given a note from the cashier notifying them of their account being low to give to their parent. The district may also contact the parent through use of personal phone call, automated phone call, Family Access (through Skyward), email, or letter.

The student will be allowed up to three (3) consecutive credit meals. Parents will be notified when a student has received a credit meal by any combination of the following: personal phone call, automated phone call, Family Access (through Skyward), email, or letter.

There will be no ala carte or second meal purchases allowed if a student has no funds in their account.

If a student exceeds the credit meal limit (3 credit meals), the district will offer a peanut butter sandwich and milk as an emergency meal free of charge. (If the student is allergic to peanut butter, a different type of sandwich will be offered.) No student will go without eating. Students with outstanding meal charge debt will be allowed to purchase a meal if the student pays for the meal when it is received.

If, after notifying the parents of the credit meals, a student’s account is not paid, or if a student continues to need “credit meals” or emergency meals, the matter will be addressed with the school counselor and/or principal.

The district will make reasonable, discrete efforts to collect delinquent (unpaid) meal charges, which is an allowable use of National School Food Service Account funds, and will coordinate communications with families to resolve the charges. Any credit balances from the end of the school year will be carried forward to the next school year.

Please remember that Free and Reduced Meal Applications are available and accepted throughout the entire school year. Students who qualify for free meals will not be denied a reimbursable meal, even if they have accrued a negative balance from previous purchases.

These procedures will be provided to all households at the beginning of each year. It will also be provided to households that transfer to the district during the school, and to all staff responsible for policy enforcement.