

BOONE-APACHE PUBLIC SCHOOLS MEAL CHARGE POLICY

The goal of the Boone-Apache Public Schools is to provide students with healthy meals each day. However, unpaid charges place a large financial burden on our Food Services Department. The purpose of this policy is to insure compliance with federal reporting requirements for the USDA Child Nutrition Program.

Boone-Apache Public Schools require **PRE-PAYMENT** of all student full paid and reduced meals, however in the event that a student fails to pay for their meals the following policy will apply:

Credit will be extended for up to \$50.00 in charges for Elementary, Middle, and High School students. Regular meal service will be terminated if student charges accumulate beyond this amount.

The Boone-Apache Public Schools is not required to provide meals if payment is not made for the CURRENT day's meal or if student's accounts are over the maximum charge limit. Meal charge notices will be sent home or mailed to parents/guardians weekly. Parents or guardians will be notified by mail when account balances reach the \$50 maximum.

Elementary School: If charges have accumulated to more than \$50.00 students will be allowed to contact their parent or guardian for payment of the current day's meals, or payment on their account.

Middle/High School: If charges have accumulated to more than \$50.00 students will be called to the principal's office and be informed that they will have to pay for the current day's meal and they will not be allowed to charge.

If a parent or guardian refuses to make payments on a student's meal charge account, they will be notified by certified letter that the student is losing their charging privilege and will not be reinstated until the account balance is paid. They will be given sufficient time to pay before meal service is terminated.

At the first of May, all charging will be cut off. Parent/guardian will be sent a written request for "Payment in Full". All charges not paid before the end of the school year will be carried forward into the next school year. Graduating seniors must pay all charges in full. Failure to do so may result in not being allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies.

You may apply for free or reduced meals anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get food stamps, TANF or FDPIR benefits for your children, complete an application. If you need assistance with the application or are unable to pay your current lunch charges, please let us know and we will be happy to help.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.