

Carlisle School District School Meal Charges

The Carlisle School District recognizes that healthy, nutritious meals are an important component to student readiness and ability to learn. The Carlisle School District will provide nutritious and well balanced meals in its school meal program. By statute, the district's Food and Nutritional Services department is a self-supporting fund that shall not have a negative balance at the close of the fiscal year. Unpaid charges place a financial strain on the Food and Nutritional Services department and on the district's operating budget. To be fair and equitable and in order to ensure compliance of all who participate in the school meal program, the policy establishes procedure for methods of payment, charge availability and collection methods.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) will strongly be encouraged to register for a free account on the school meal online payment center, EZSchoolpay.com, which gives access to parents/guardians to:

- ✓ View student transaction history
- ✓ Request e-mail alerts to low balances
- ✓ Make payments and pre-payments to a student's account

The Child Nutrition Director will send home at the beginning of the school year how to access the on-line payment website. There will be a minimal fee (\$2.00) for using the online payment center, but parents do not have to use this to pay on accounts. We will accept cash or checks at either campus in the cafeteria, high school and elementary offices as well as the Superintendent's office.

Students with Free Meal Status

- The federal school lunch program allows an eligible student to receive one free school lunch and breakfast every day.
- Students are required to take a reimbursable meal.
- If a student does not take a reimbursable meal, the meal does not qualify for free status and full price must be charged to the student and placed on their account.
- Second meals (such as second chance breakfast) and items sold on an a la carte basis as well as extras are not part of the USDA program and must be paid at time of sale. **(A la carte items and extras cannot be charged. (A la carte, extras and second chance breakfast are high school students only)**

Students with Reduced Meal Status

- The federal school lunch program allows an eligible student to receive one reimbursable school lunch at the reduced price of \$0.40 and one reimbursable school breakfast at the reduced price of \$0.30.
- Students are required to take a reimbursable meal.

- If a student does not take a reimbursable meal, the meal does not qualify for reduced price status and full price must be charged to the student and placed on their account.
- Second meals (such as second chance breakfast) and items sold on an a la carte basis are not part of the USDA program and must be paid at time of sale. **A la carte items and extras cannot be charged. (A la carte, extras and second chance breakfast are high school students only)**

Students with Paid Meal Status

- Prices for school meals are set by the Carlisle School District within parameters of federal and state regulations.
- **Second chance breakfast, extras and a la carte items cannot be charged. (High School Students only)**
- Students with paid meal status may charge meals up to \$20.00 before a collection process begins.

The Carlisle School District will deny access to second meals (as well as second breakfast) for any student who does not have cash, money on account or check at time of sale.

Remaining positive balance at end of the school year

- Remain on account to be used in the following school year
- Be transferred to a sibling's account

When the charge amount exceeds \$20.00, the Child Nutrition Director:

- Will prepare a letter or e-mail to be sent to the parent(s)/guardian(s) requesting immediate payment.
- Will, if applicable, assist the family in applying for free or reduced price school meals.
- Will notify the administration in writing of negative balances
- If charges do not get resolved alternate lunches may be served containing a well balance meal such as a peanut butter/cheese sandwich, vegetable such as carrot sticks and an apple.

If a student's account is not in good standing at the end of the semester or school year, the administration may take one or more of the following actions:

- Not allowing student to pick up report card until all lunch dues have been paid
- Sr.'s will not be able to participate in graduation activities until lunch dues have been paid in full.

