

CHILD NUTRITION MEAL CHARGE POLICY

Chandler Public School District offers a nutritious school lunch to students at a minimal cost. In order to avoid adversely affecting the school lunch program financially, the School Board establishes policy regarding the charging of school lunches. Negative student balances affect the ability of the lunch program to operate in a fiscally responsible manner.

- Parents/guardians may check lunch accounts and deposit lunch funds into the students' accounts by accessing Gradebook online system at <https://www.wengage.com/Chandler/Login>. Checks and cash are also accepted and can be paid directly in the cafeteria.
- The District discourages the charging of student lunches. Students that have charged meals shall not exceed \$10.00 in *unpaid charges*. If this amount is exceeded and not paid in a timely manner, then the student will be offered an alternate lunch.

Notices of unpaid charge balances will be sent to the parents/guardians on a regular and consistent manner to avoid the lunch program carrying charge balances.

- If no response to unpaid lunch charges is received by the District from parents/guardians and several attempts are made to collect the balances, students may be denied report cards.
- All excessive balances may be subject to referral to a collection agency.
- Employees of the District will also be subject to a 10.00 maximum in unpaid charges. Charging privileges may be suspended until balances are paid.

Parents are encouraged to apply for *Free and Reduced Lunch* under the federal governments guidelines. Applications are available at the schools and on the district website.