

Stonewall Public Schools Meal Charge Policy

POLICY

The Stonewall Public School district offers nutritious school meals to students at a minimal cost. In order to avoid adversely affecting the school lunch program financially, the School Board has established policy regarding the charging of school breakfast and lunches. Negative student balances affect the ability of the meal program to operate in a fiscally responsible manner.

Therefore, the district discourages the charging of student meals. Students that have charged meals shall not exceed \$30.00 in unpaid charges. If this amount is exceeded and not paid by the 15th of the month, then the student will be offered an alternate meal. The meal will consist of a breakfast bread (Toast or Biscuit), juice and milk for breakfast and cheese sandwich, a vegetable, a fruit and milk for lunch. You will still be charged for a regular meal. Full price meals are \$1.00 (breakfast) and \$2.50 (lunch). Students will not be allowed to have a charge balance after May 1st. Students must have money in their account or pay cash in the line to receive a meal after May 1st 2019.

Notices of unpaid charge balances will be sent to the parent's/guardians on a regular and consistent manner to avoid the lunch program carrying charge balances. All communications will be directly with the parent or guardian. Under no circumstances will a child receive a hand-stamp or any other physical marking to show that they have unpaid charge balances.

If the District from parents/guardians receives no response to unpaid charges and attempts are made to collect the balances, students will not be able to have a regular meal until the charges are paid. All excessive balances will be subject to referral to a collection agency or the Pontotoc County District Attorney's office for collection.

Students will be treated with courtesy and respect regardless of whether or not the parent has provided payment to the school district. Staff members will be instructed to adhere to this policy.

MEAL ASSISTANCE

Meal assistance is available through the Federal Free and Reduced Priced Meal Application. Those forms are available to parents at your child's school office, or in the Stonewall Site Cafeteria. Parents who could be eligible are encouraged to apply for Free and Reduced Meals under the federal government guidelines. You may contact Karin Nuner if you have any questions at (580) 265-4245.

REFUNDS

If leaving the district the student has a remaining PAID balance in the student's account and does not request a refund, the money will be handled in the following manner:

Less than \$10.00 -- the money will be considered a donation to the Child Nutrition Program

\$10.00 or more – the money will be forwarded to the last known address of the student. If the envelope is returned unopened, the money will be treated as a donation to the Child Nutrition Program.

All school personnel will adhere to this policy.