



STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES EMERGENCY MEAL POLICY

A written copy of the emergency meal policy will be provided to all households. Every school is required to follow the policy. Students who qualify for a free or a reduced-priced meal can always receive a free lunch (the district waives the .40 cost for the reduced-priced meal). All students regardless of eligibility status can receive a free breakfast. Paid students who forget their lunch money can receive a “charged” meal. To protect the identity of all children at the point of service, SNS uses a prepayment system that limits the exchange of money and prevents the disclosure of a student’s eligibility status.

1. Students are allowed to charge for meals when they don’t have money. The student will be given the same school lunch that other children are receiving. A La Carte Items can never be charged.
2. Parents of students who charge one meal will be notified by phone, after their child has received the meal. The parent will be encouraged to quickly pay for this meal and reminded of the policy.
3. Parents of students who continue to charge will receive notification in writing which will encourage the parent to pay off their charges.
4. If a student continues to come to school with no packed lunch or lunch money, attempts will be made to discuss the issue with the parent and to encourage them to complete a meal benefit application.
5. Any time there is an uncollected balance on a child’s meal account, the child will be prevented from purchasing A La Carte items.
6. Any unpaid balance on a child’s account will be carried over from year to year.
7. The parent is responsible for all uncollected meal balances which must be paid, prior to graduation.