

Student Meal Charge Policy

Students in elementary and intermediate schools will be allowed to charge meals, and this privilege will be allowed for up to five meal charges. Students in 7th and 8th grade will be allowed to charge up to three (3) meals. No a la carte items will be charged. A charge notice will be completed for each occurrence and notification will be sent home to the parent or guardian with the student. If three (3) notices have been sent with the students in K-6th; or one (1) notice for 7th and 8th , and no collection or repayment arrangement have been returned, the school principal or counselor will be notified.

After the fifth unpaid charge in K-6th or third charge in 7th – 8th, the manager will offer the student an alternate meal. The school principal or counselor will also be notified at this point. If the child continues to arrive at the school without a packed lunch, funds to buy a lunch, or the completed application for free or reduced lunch, the case will be considered for referral to the Department of Family Services.

The Food Service Department and building principals will continue to diligently pursue collection of delinquent accounts, and may refer seriously delinquent accounts to a collection agency.

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