Lunch Charge Policy - Summary

Grades K – 6

- Students may charge up to three (3) reimbursable meals (breakfast and/or lunch).
- Beginning with the fourth (4th) unpaid meal the student will be provided with and charged for an alternate meal. The meals that will be offered are:
  - Breakfast – Cereal, mini graham cracker pack, ½ pint of milk and a fruit
  - Lunch – Sun butter & jelly sandwich, OR a cheese sandwich, ½ pint of milk, a fruit and a vegetable.

Grades 7 – 12

- Students can charge any food item on their account until they reach a balance due of $10.00 (negative balance).
- Once a student reaches a negative balance of $10.00 the student will be provided with and charged for an alternate meal. The meals that will be offered are:
  - Breakfast – Cold cereal OR a bagel with fruit and milk or water
  - Lunch – One of the following entrees plus fruit, vegetables and milk or water
    - Our “Grab and Go” sandwiches which are available at the registers
    - Prepackaged salads which are available at the registers
    - A slice of pizza which is available from the hot line.
  - Note: If students are at the cash register (the most common scenario) when they realize they have reached their limit, they would need to go over to the hot line to get the pizza and get back in line so the cashier can record the transaction.

All Students

- Students who have reached their charge limit, will not be allowed to purchase (charge) items on their tray. Items that cannot be resold, will be discarded by the Food Service Department. Alternative meals will be offered to these students.
- Students are routinely notified by cashiers of low ($5.00 or less) and negative balances.
- Parents/guardians receive weekly phone calls and/or emails via the School Messenger Service for any child with a negative balance.
- Parents may restrict their child’s ability to charge or they can place a dollar limit on the account by contacting the food service department.
- School Principals are provided a list weekly of all students with negative food service balances.
  - These balances will be collected in the same manner as any other student obligation.