

## **CHILD NUTRITION CHARGING PROCEDURES**

The goal of the Child Nutrition Department is that no child should go hungry. A nutritious, well-balanced breakfast and lunch are available daily. Parents can request specific purchasing limitations be placed on their student's account by going [to www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com). The following outlines the meal charge policy for the 2024-2025 school year:

Students may charge meals up to a negative \$15.00.

Parents/guardians of Elementary/Secondary students will be notified via letter and an automated phone call when the prepaid meal account reaches a negative balance. If a student reaches the charge limit of negative \$15.00, a student will receive a "value" breakfast consisting of an entree of choice and milk. During lunch, the student will receive a "value meal" consisting of a hot entrée currently offered and milk. When a student reaches 5 consecutive "value" meals, the Child Nutrition Department will notify the school administration. School administration will then place a phone call to the parent to discuss the negative balance and provide information to those families that might need assistance with applying for free and reduced-priced school meals.

Payments can be made at each campus cafeteria with cash or check. Payments can also be made online at [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com). Students with negative balances cannot purchase or charge snacks and extras. Food should never be used as a punishment.