

Sonora Union High School District

Food Services Department

MEAL CHARGE POLICY

Sonora Union High School District recognizes that adequate nutrition is essential to the students' physical, mental, and academic development. All students participating in the national school breakfast and/or lunch programs, whether at a free, reduced, or paid rate, will receive a reimbursable meal subject to the following guidelines:

1. Students that are not approved for free meals are expected to pay cash daily or pay in advance for all food purchases. It is the responsibility of the family to keep their lunch account current. Check and cash payments may be submitted to any cashier during meal service, dropped off with the Food Services Manager throughout the day, delivered to the Sonora High School administration office, or mailed to Sonora High School Cafeteria, 430 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370.
2. Parents/guardians are encouraged to set up a free on-line account to monitor their students' balances and meal purchases at www.myschoolbucks.com. This easy to use service also offers the option of making on-line payments with a credit/debit card or electronic check (for a \$1.95 per transaction fee), scheduling automatic payments, and receiving low balance alerts.
3. Students that do not have adequate money in an account or in hand to cover the cost of a meal at the time of service will be allowed to charge the cost of a reimbursable meal to their accounts in amount not to exceed \$10.00 in outstanding charges.
4. Students will not be permitted to charge ala carte or snack items (ie. non-program foods and beverages), or purchase such items for cash in hand if there is a negative balance on their accounts.
5. Parents/guardians will be mailed an invoice monthly for negative account balances. Meal charges will not be allowed and students will not receive a meal after an account reaches a negative \$10.00 balance, unless the parent/guardian has arranged a re-payment plan by contacting the Food Services Manager at (209) 532-5511 x160.
6. Unpaid meal charges will be carried over at the end of the school year as a delinquent debt, and collection efforts will continue into the next school year. Students that transfer out of the district or graduate will have negative account balances added to their check-out responsibilities with payment required before release of documents.
7. All parents/guardians are encouraged to complete an *Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals* form available on the District website at www.sonorahs.k12.ca.us, in the campus administration offices, or in the cafeteria.