

## GIDDINGS ISD Child Nutrition Charge Policy

Outstanding debt resulting from nonpayment of school meals is an unallowable cost to the nonprofit school food service account and cannot be absorbed by the Child Nutrition Department at the end of the school year. It must be paid for with other non-federal (local) sources.

The District standard is that no child goes without a lunch. This standard is adopted by all schools in the District. School personnel are to be pro-active with weekly parent notification for those students who do not bring sufficient funds to pay for their meal. Notices are given to students when their account goes below \$10.00.

The following will apply regarding meal charges:

- ✓ GISD school students will only be allowed to charge a maximum of \$15 for lunch and breakfast meals on their account. After a student has accrued \$15 in charges, the student will be offered an alternate meal for lunch or breakfast.

An alternate lunch meal consists of a meat or cheese sandwich, and fruit. An alternative breakfast meal consists of a bread item. Students will continue to be offered this alternate meal until all cafeteria charges are paid. Proper notification will be made to persons responsible for payment. Students must have money with them or in their account to receive regular meals and/or extra items. A la carte items will not be allowed to be charged.

The District will allow staff members and children to charge meals as needed. Any outstanding charges will be deducted each month from their paycheck. A permission form for deductions will be required from each staff member.

All charging will stop beginning on the first Monday in May.

This will allow the district time to collect any charges that have accumulated over the year.