

## Kemp I.S.D. 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 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.

The following will apply regarding meal charges:

- Parents and/or guardians will be responsible for maintaining their child's account throughout the entire school year
- Students without funds in their account will be allowed to charge reimbursable meals only
- A la carte items will not be allowed to be charged
- Parents and/or guardians of students who repeatedly charge will be contacted and encouraged to apply for free/reduced meals

The District will monitor the chargers per school. Each individual school will assist the child nutrition department with the collection of meal charges.

***After a student has charged 6 meals and one documented notice of charges has been sent to parent/guardian, a student will be given an alternate meal.***

At the end of the school year, students with unpaid charges will not receive their report card by mail. Parent and/or guardians will have to pick up their child's report card in person and take care of their child's unpaid charges.

The District will allow staff members to charge meals as needed, not to exceed \$15.00. The expectation is that staff members will reimburse the District each month after pay day. The District's staff will not be allowed to charge meals after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in May.