



Anti-Shaming Meal Policy

The School recognizes that on occasion, students may forget to bring money to school to pay for meals. To promote responsible student behavior and to minimize the financial burden on the school, the school has set up a debit system where parents deposit money into the student's account. Parents and guardians will be notified by telephone when student meal balances are depleted so they will have time to replenish

The School will not embarrass or distress students regarding payment of meals in any way. The school will notify parents or guardians via telephone regarding unpaid balances and bills will be sent to parents and guardians monthly for all unpaid meals taken by their student.

The School will provide your student with a choice of a reimbursable meals, if the student requests one, regardless of the balance of their debit account. Parents and guardians are expected to pay for all meals taken by their student. The School will bill parents and guardians monthly and expect payment for all meals that were taken by their student when their balance was in the negative. No additional fees will be charged.

Through regular communication with families throughout the schoolyear, you will be reminded to complete a Free and Reduced application at any time to establish eligibility for reduced price or free meals for eligible children. Assistance with the application will be provided if needed. The school will ensure that all migrant, foster, homeless and runaway children are immediately certified for free meals.

In addition:

- It is the School's policy to check and verify every student monthly to determine direct certification.
- Parents and guardians may contact the School if they do not want their child to charge a meal upon request.
- Students who transfer from another school with a Free or Reduced status will retain that status.

Foodservice and school staff receive training twice a year to ensure that the school's policy is implemented correctly and consistently.