

**Vallivue School District #139****CHARGING SCHOOL LUNCHES**

Charging for school lunches is to be discouraged at all grade levels. The purpose of the policy is to allow a means by which a student who occasionally forgets or loses his/her lunch money can be provided a lunch. Charges will be allowed under the following guidelines:

**ELEMENTARY STUDENTS**

Elementary school students in the district are limited to five (5) charged meals. After five meals have been charged, students will receive a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a carton of milk until their account is paid in full. Students with an allergy to peanuts will receive a cheese sandwich.

Email notifications of negative balances, as well as low positive balances are sent out three times a week. Parents are encouraged to ensure a correct email address is on file for their student.

**SECONDARY STUDENTS**

Middle School students in the district are limited to three (3) charged meals. After three meals have been charged, students will receive a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a carton of milk until their account is paid in full. Students with an allergy to peanuts will receive a cheese sandwich.

High School students in the district are limited to one (1) charged meal. After one meal has been charged, students will receive a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a carton of milk until their account is paid in full. Students with an allergy to peanuts will receive a cheese sandwich. Students with a negative account balance are not allowed to purchase a la carte items.

**ACCOUNT BALANCES**

A parent/guardian may call the school cafeteria or the food service director to place a block on his/her child's account to prohibit the purchase of a la carte items.

All negative accounts must be settled at or before the end of the school year. Parents/guardians will be notified of negative balances through email notifications or by phone.

Account balances will rollover to the next school year. Students who are graduating at the end of the year can request a refund of their balance or call the Food Service Office and request the balance be transferred to a younger sibling. Students who withdraw from the district must submit a written request for a refund of any money remaining in their account.

Account balances may be checked at any time by accessing the designated website with appropriate login information or by calling the school cafeteria.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections

33-512 – Governance of Schools

33-603 – Payment of Fees or Returning of Property

**ADOPTED: 8/12/14**

**AMENDED:**

Note: This policy is required; however, the language is discretionary. All full-price policies for school meals are matters of local discretion. This includes decisions about whether or not to extend credit to children who forget their meal money or whether or not to provide an alternate meal to such children. Schools are encouraged to always provide meals to preprimary and younger primary students or to students with disabilities that may make them unable to take full responsibility for their meals.