

Cullman County Child Nutrition Program Meal Charge Policy

The Cullman County School District encourages parents/guardians to apply for free or reduced priced meals at [Myschoolapps.com](https://myschoolapps.com). If paying for meals, it is also encouraged to prepay online, eliminating situations that could develop during mealtime due to negative balances or failure to bring money to school. Students and parents/guardians will be held accountable to pay for the meals provided through the Cullman County Schools Child Nutrition Program. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to take advantage of the districts online payment system [Myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com) offered by the Child Nutrition Program. You may also find each link by visiting our website Cullman County School at www.ccboe.org

STUDENTS WITH NO MONEY FOR BREAKFAST/LUNCH OR A NEGATIVE ACCOUNT BALANCE:

Students who receive full paid price meals will not be allowed to charge a la carte items or any extras if their current account balance is in the negative, however they will be allowed to receive a meal. Parents/Guardians will be notified weekly if the account balance reaches \$5.00 dollars or lower or if the student account has a negative balance. Notification will be made by letter, email, or online payment system. Any uncollected charge is considered a bad debt. Bad debts are not allowed expenditures for any state, federal, or public local fund. Uncollected charges remaining at the end of the school year will be satisfied using non-public funds. Students may not be denied a reimbursable meal, however continued charging and abuse will result in an investigation by the Principal and Child Nutrition Program Director.

The Department of Human Resources may be contacted as deemed necessary by the Principal and Child Nutrition Program Director.

ADULT CHARGES:

Adults and employees will not be allowed to charge meals and/or a la carte items through the Child Nutrition Program.

Any parent/guardian experiencing financial problems may contact the school cafeteria manager to implement a payment plan. Parents are encouraged to apply for free and reduced price meals. One application per household is all that is required, regardless of the number of children in the household. Applications are available online at ccboe.org or [Myschoolapps.com](https://myschoolapps.com). If you have any questions, please call the Child Nutrition Department at 256-734-2933 ext.2422.

