
Meal Charge Policy

In accordance with state and federal law, the Fontana Jt. 8 School District adopts the following meal charge policy to ensure school district employees, families and students have a shared understanding of expectations regarding meal charges. The policy seeks to allow students to receive the nutrition they need to stay focused during the school day, prevent the overt identification of students with insufficient funds to pay for school meals, and maintain the financial integrity of the nonprofit school nutrition program.

Each family has a food service meal account. While always keeping the nutritional concerns of our students at the forefront of our decisions, when an account reaches a negative balance of \$50.00, students will not be allowed to charge to the account until the negative balance is paid. Students who qualify for free meals shall never be denied a reimbursable meal, even if they have accrued a negative balance from previous purchases.

The school district will make reasonable efforts to notify families when meal account balances are low. Additionally, the school district will make reasonable efforts to collect unpaid meal charges. The school district will coordinate communications with families to resolve the matter of unpaid charges. Families will be notified when their account reaches a balance of \$5.00 or below through the district's messaging service. Negative balances not paid prior to the end of the school year will be turned over to the District Administrator or his/her designee for a year-end communication with families regarding the negative balance. If an account goes unpaid, it will be rolled over to the following school year and collection will be addressed at school registration.

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