

Blackhawk School District Charge Policy

Parents/Guardians are solely responsible for providing their children with money for lunch, or packing a lunch from home. If for any reason a parent/guardian cannot afford to provide a lunch for their child, free and reduced lunch applications are available in the school offices.

A NSLP free/reduced meal application shall be sent home at the start of each school year. A new application must be submitted by the parent/guardian every year. Students approved for free/reduced lunch program will receive one (1) free/reduced lunch and breakfast per day. Additional lunches or breakfasts must be purchased at full price.

Parents/Guardians and students are encouraged to deposit money in their child's cafeteria account so that adequate money is readily available to purchase school lunches and breakfasts. This will eliminate the need for the parent/guardian to send money with the student each day. This also helps increase the speed of the serving line. Parents/Guardians can deposit money by sending a check or cash with their child to school, or via the online payment system which is linked to the Blackhawk School District website.

A student who requests a school meal must be provided with one regardless of whether the student has money. When a student owes money for five or more school meals, the school must make at least two attempts to reach the student's parent or guardian and have the parent or guardian apply for participation in the school food program. Communications regarding money owed by a student for school meals must be made to the student's parent or guardian and not to the student.

A meal may be denied if the student's parent/guardian has directed the school, in writing, to withhold meals from the student.

Students who cannot pay for a school meal or who owes money for school meals may not be publicly identified or stigmatized. A student who cannot pay for a school meal will not be required to perform chores or other work to pay for the school meal. Student may not be required to discard a school meal after it was served to the student due to the student's inability to pay for the meal or the amount of money owed by the student for prior school meals.

Under no circumstances will students be permitted to charge ala carte items.

Students may be denied access to co-curricular activities if a debt is owed, until payment arrangements can be made between the parent/guardian and the Food Service Director or District Administrator to pay the existing debt.

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