

FOSTER SCHOOL DEPARTMENT MEAL CHARGING POLICY

Policy #3452

Purpose:

Foster School Department is committed to providing meals to students who choose to participate in the school lunch program but also feel that there is an obligation for parents/guardians and /or students to satisfy all financial obligations to the lunch program in a timely manner. In order to provide the parents/guardians in the Foster School District with the best possible service, clarity and accountability surrounding the school lunch program, the following procedures regarding student lunch account balances will be implemented.

Policy Components:

1. No student will be refused a meal without specific permission from the Foster School Department.
2. Students are encouraged to prepay their lunch accounts.
3. Students may charge up to \$10.00. The school department will communicate with parents/guardians of students whose balance exceeds \$5.50. This communication may include, but is not limited to, telephone calls and electronic and print forms of correspondence. Once the balance notification has been sent out, parents/guardians will have five (5) days to pay or make arrangements to pay outstanding student balances.
4. If a student account is above \$10.00, the student will be served a cheese sandwich lunch choice and all other meal component choices as defined by the National School Lunch Program regulations. The student's lunch account will be charged the regular lunch price for this meal.
5. Should the student owe an amount as described above, but has the money for the day's lunch, they may select any menu choice.

Other Matters:

1. If you think your child may be eligible for free or reduced price meals, please submit a school lunch meal application. If your child received free or reduced lunch the prior school year, that status only remains in effect for the first 30 school days of the new school year. You must be approved for free or reduced lunch each school year. You may submit a school application at any time during the school year. Should your household size change and/or your financial circumstances change during the school year, you may resubmit an updated school lunch meal application.

2. For a small fee – online payments may be made on student accounts through myschoolbucks.com. Parents/guardians may monitor student accounts online, free of charge at myschoolbucks.com.
3. Cash or check payments may be made to the school cafeteria staff.
4. Questions regarding your student's account should be directed to the Foster/ Gloucester Regional Food Service Office at 401-710-7500 x3124.

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