

Galion City Schools Lunch Charge Policy

Galion City Schools Nutrition Services is self-supporting. It receives no money from the district's General Fund budget, tax levies or property taxes. We are funded only from federal reimbursement and student meal payments to cover operating expenses and fees. By federal law, Nutrition Services revenues must meet or exceed expenditures. Therefore, unpaid charges affect the ability of our department to support itself.

We understand that lunch money is sometimes forgotten; therefore we do allow students to charge the cost of a meal. Because hunger is an impediment to learning, no child will be denied a school meal unless directed by the child's parent/guardian.

District software, Pay Schools Central, allows parents to track their student's balance and deposit money to their account. It also gives the option to be notified when the balance reaches a certain level, establish spending limits and setup automatic replenishment to the account. We encourage all families to utilize these options.

Meal Charge Procedures

- 1. Low balance emails (below \$7.00) will be sent Tuesday and Friday evenings to the email address in Final Forms.**
- 2. When a student lunch account falls below \$0, families will receive an email on Fridays to the email address in Final Forms. These emails will continue stating the current balance in the account until the negative balance has been cleared.**
- 3. When a student lunch account balance is more than (\$50.00) we will contact the family via mail, text and/or phone.**
- 4. This debt remains on your student's lunch account until paid. This negative balance could affect participation in school sponsored events.**
- 5. Students may not charge a la carte items, including extra entrees.**
- 6. Adults are not permitted to charge.**

If at any time you would like to discuss your student's lunch account, call us at (419) 468-3432 ext. 11016. Any limits or restrictions on a lunch account must be made in writing and can be emailed to king.shannon@galionschools.org.

Account Balances: All account balances, positive or negative are automatically carried over to the next year. When students leave the district or graduate, we will attempt to transfer remaining funds to a sibling or refund outstanding balances. Unclaimed funds remaining after three months will be absorbed by the Food Service Account.

Free/Reduced Lunch applications are available in the dining section of our district website and paper copies can be obtained in any school office.