

CHARGED MEALS

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It is the intent of the Henry County Board of Education to provide an opportunity for each child to eat a nutritious breakfast and/or lunch during the school day. It is also the policy of the Henry County Board of Education to comply with all federal program regulations pertaining to the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs. The National School Breakfast and Lunch Program regulations do not allow for meal charges. Students and staff are encouraged to deposit money into their meal accounts regularly, whereby a draft of the account may be made on a daily basis as the meal is purchased. Students will receive a verbal reminder that their balance is approaching zero.

If funds are not available in the student's account at the time a meal is received, an elementary or middle school student will not be allowed to exceed the amount equal to 3 days in meal charges for breakfast and/or lunch. **This service does not provide a line of credit for continuous meal charges.** If an elementary or middle school student has reached the maximum 3 day limit, the student will be referred to the office. Meal charges will not be allowed at the high school level, and no adult meal charges are allowed. No extra purchases are allowed if there are outstanding meal charges. A la carte items may not be charged.

The Cafeteria Bookkeeper will send home charge notices at least twice per week. The cafeteria bookkeeper will make every attempt to collect unpaid meal charges. The school principal will be notified in writing of outstanding charges on a weekly basis. At the end of the month the school principal is responsible for collecting any unpaid charges to the Child Nutrition Program. If the principal is unable to collect the outstanding charges from the student's parent/guardian, funds will be recovered from a nonpublic local fund.

Checks returned to the school CNP for insufficient funds shall be processed according to Policy 7.42 Insufficient Funds and Worthless Checks.

Parents may use the Online Payment System to view the student's balance and to make a payment.

REFERENCES:

CODE OF ALABAMA
16-8-8, 16-12-3

HISTORY:

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