

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 in accordance with all federal program regulations pertaining to the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs.

Policy:

In accordance with The Alabama State Department of Education Child Nutrition Programs guidance, Henry County Schools will provide every student an opportunity to eat a nutrition breakfast and/or lunch regardless of their ability to pay for the meal at time of service. This does not apply to adults and non-students.

Procedure:

1. Each student who wants a meal will receive a reimbursable meal as stated on the menu. No alternate meals (different from stated on menu) will be allowed in response to outstanding meal charges.
2. If student does not have money on their account or in hand, the meal will be charged to the students account. No student will be singled out for their inability to pay for their meal.
3. Students will not be allowed to purchase A la carte items if outstanding meal charges exist. A la carte items may not be charged.
4. The Cafeteria Bookkeeper will send home outstanding charge notices (greater than \$10.00) and low account balance notices (less than \$5.00) at the end of each week.
5. The Cafeteria Bookkeeper will notify school Principal of outstanding meal charges on a weekly basis.
6. Cafeteria Bookkeeper will assist in collecting outstanding meal charges as needed.
7. At the end of the month, the school Principal is responsible for collecting any outstanding meal charges to the Child Nutrition Program.
8. If Principal is unable to collect meal charges from student's parent/guardian, the funds will be recovered from a non-public, local fund.
9. Parents will be encouraged to use the Online Payment System to view student's balance and make a payment.
10. Checks returned to the school CNP for insufficient funds shall be processed according to Policy 7.42 Insufficient Funds and Worthless Checks.

References

Code of Alabama 16-8-8, 16-12-3

History:

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