Book Administrative Guideline Manual

Section 8000 Operations

Title PROCEDURE FOR THE COLLECTION AND PAYMENT FOR CHARGED MEALS

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It is the responsibility of the parents to provide for lunch for their children while at school. However, it is important to provide that children receive the nutrition they need to stay focused during the school day. This procedure shall apply in the event that a child neither has a lunch nor the funds to purchase a lunch.

An elementary student (Grades PK-5) may charge three (3) meals in succession. After the three (3) charges, an alternative meal is given. An alternative meal is a sandwich, fruit, and milk, until paid.

For Grades 6-12, no charging is allowed.

A student's parents, teacher, and Principal will all be notified of the delinquency in the student's account each time it is necessary for the student to charge a meal to give the parents time to send a check or cash to school with their child to give to the Food Service Director.

Parents may also pay for school meals via the Internet through the District’s Nutrition Services website.

However, this guideline prohibits:

A. the requiring of any student who cannot pay for a school meal or who has a negative meal payment balance to wear a wristband or handstamp;

B. the requiring of any student who cannot pay for a school meal or who has a negative meal payment balance to perform chores or other work to pay for school meals:

C. the requiring of any student to dispose of a meal after it has been served because the student is unable to pay for the meal or has a negative payment balance;

D. discussing a negative meal payment balance with a student in the presence of other students.