

Charlo School District

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NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Meal Charge Policy

Note: For the purpose of this policy, parent includes guardian, caretaker relative, and any adult responsible for the care of the child.

Elementary

Students at the elementary level may pay cash for their meals at any time. Cash may be paid for a meal, even if the account has a negative balance at the time of that purchase. Meals may be pre-paid by the week, month, semester or the school year.

When a student has a negative balance in their account, the student will be allowed to charge up to the limit of **\$20.00**. When the limit of **\$20.00** is reached, the student will be allowed to eat an alternate meal of [peanut butter on bread, cup of carrots, cup of peaches or pears, and a milk]. This meal charge will be added to the student's account, but this meal will be given until the student makes a payment on the account, which will bring the account below the **\$20.00** limit. Lunch account monitoring is the responsibility of the parent and the child. The cashier is there for help in any way—children may ask for a balance at any time. If the parent allows the account to go into debt over **\$20.00**, the child loses the privilege of choosing their lunch choice and the alternative meal is chosen for them. Deposit request letters will go out once per week, so please check with your child.

Students are responsible for their own cash lunch money—the school will not replace stolen or lost cash. Parents that send a check for the account and the check is lost or does not appear on the account, may bring in a photo copy of the check from the bank to the office if it has been cashed. Mistakes happen and if the check was cashed by our food service, corrections to the account will be made as soon as possible. If a photo copy is not available, the deposit will not be replaced. Please send deposit money via check, if possible, (cash is accepted, also), in an envelope with the child's full name.

Middle School and High School

Students may pay cash for their meals at any time. Meals may be paid for by the day, or may pre pay for lunches by the week, month, or school year.

When a student has a negative balance in their account, the student will be allowed to charge up to the limit of **\$20.00**. When the limit of **\$20.00** is reached, he or she will not be given any food. The student may call home or ask a friend to borrow money, but the District will not allow them to charge past the given amount. The student may check with the [cashiers, lunch supervisor] to see the balance of their account at any time. It is the responsibility of the parent and student to manage the prepaid account. Parents may call the office at 644-2206 to check the balance of their child's account or monitor your child's account through the student information system.

A la carte snacks are sold at both middle and high school levels. Students with a negative balance of any amount will not be allowed to charge a la carte snacks but will be allowed to purchase snacks with cash.

Adult Meals:

Adults are not allowed to charge meals or A la Carte purchases, as per USDA policy regarding school food service use of Federal NSLP funds.