

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL MEAL ACCOUNTS

School Meal Charges and Accounts

The district permits students to incur reasonable charges for school meals. In an effort to ensure the effective operation of the district's food service program, the district establishes the following procedures for student payment of school meals.

Rockwood Area School District Student Lunch Policy

- When a student reaches a balance of \$2.50 in their account, the cashier will notify the student of their current positive balance.
- When a student reaches a debt of 5 or more meals in their lunch account, the parents will receive a courtesy letter from the School Food Service Liaison, to inform the parents of their child's status. The School Food Service Liaison will attach a copy of these procedures and the District's Food Services policy to the letter.
- When a student reaches a debt of 5 or more meals in their lunch account, students will only be able to purchase a school food program meal (reimbursable meal). Additional individual items (extras) and a la carte items will not be available for purchase. However, students may purchase a meal from the a la carte line if the meal qualifies as a school program meal.
- When a student reaches a -\$25.00 balance, a formal letter will be sent home by the School Food Service Liaison. This letter will inform the parents that unless the balance is corrected, a meeting with the building principal and the School Food Service Liaison will be requested. Additionally, further action may result with the local magistrate.
- If a student is not eligible for free or reduced-price school meals under federal school meal programs and the student's school meal account reaches a negative balance of more than fifty dollars (\$50) in a school year, the district may provide the student with alternative meals instead of school food program meals until the unpaid balance in the student's school meal account is paid or a payment plan has been established with the district to reduce the unpaid balance.

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