



MONTEREY PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Our Mission – *To provide the highest quality, nutritious food choices that support academic & athletic achievement*

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Subject: Student Meal Charge Policy Effective 2019-2020 School Year

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Monterey Peninsula Unified School District is required to notify student households of its ***Student Meal Charge Policy***. This letter provides you written notification and clarification of the policy.

Monterey Peninsula Unified School District's Student Meal Charge Policy states:

- Unless specific instructions have been provided by the parent/guardian, **all students** will be provided a breakfast and lunch daily if they so choose.
- Students who have not qualified for a free meal, and do not have enough money to pay for their meal, will have a charge added to their café account for the meals they are provided. Students will not be allowed to select a la carte items nor will they be provided a second breakfast or second lunch meal on a single day.
- ***If a student's café account balance reaches negative \$5.00, the Nutrition Services department will contact the household weekly*** via mail, email, or phone, until the account balance is no longer negative.
- ***If a student's café account balance reaches negative \$15.00, the student will be offered a nutritionally and calorically equivalent alternative entrée, until the account balance is no longer negative.***
- Every effort will be made by the District to collect a student's unpaid meal debt, which may include communication from the school site principal to the parents/guardians who regularly have unpaid balances.
- Meal Applications are available on the Nutrition Services website (electronically and printed-version), and at school sites (except Provision 2 sites) to assist families in applying for possible free or reduced-priced meal eligibility.
- Money is ***not*** required for school meals (this does not include a la carte nor second breakfast or second lunch meals) at Provision 2 school sites.

If you have any questions, please contact the Café Manager at your school site or the Nutrition Services Office at 831-392-3903.

Thank you!

Micha James, M.S., Nutrition Services Director

cc: Nutrition Services Supervisor
Café Managers
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