

COLUMBUS ISD

Unpaid Meal Charge Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent meal account procedures throughout the Columbus Independent School District. Pursuant to State and Federal Regulations all Child Nutrition Programs on the NSLP are required to “break even” at the close of each school year. The goals of this policy will ensure the completion of this goal on an annual basis.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to sign up at [mySchool Bucks](#) where they can monitor and manage their student’s meal account.

Benefits include:

- Low-balance email alerts
- Monitor account balance and meal transactions
- Set up automatic payments
- Pay online with a convenience fee of \$2.49

Cash, check or money order payments are accepted at the school cafeteria.

Free and reduced meal applications are available at every campus.

Students with no money in their account will be allowed a grace-period to “charge” up to:

CES \$12.50

CJH \$13.75

CHS \$15.00

*\$2.00 for reduced pay students

This will allow time for parents to be notified and funds to be deposited in the student’s account. Students may **not** charge any a la carte items.

Order of notification:

After the following unpaid charge, parents will be notified by the Cafeteria Supervisor:

CES \$5.00

CJH \$5.00

CHS \$7.00

After the following unpaid charge, parents will be notified by the School Principal:

CES \$7.50

CJH \$9.00

CHS \$10.00

After the student reaches the maximum charge limit, the student will receive a courtesy meal.