

PAYMENT OF STUDENT LUNCH FEES

Each district student will be assigned a “food service account” whereby charges for lunches sold as well as payments for food and beverages are tracked on a daily basis.

Payment for food and beverages purchased through the cafeterias and sold before school and during the regular school lunch period may be made by parents and/or students as follows:


- Payment in person with cash,
- Payment via website access with credit and/or debit card,
- Payment by check to the school district.

Non-Payment of Student Lunch Fees

It is expected that every student’s “food service account” will maintain positive balance status. It is the parent’s responsibility to replenish student(s) accounts when funds are depleted. When a student’s funds are low or there is a negative balance, reminders will be provided to the staff, students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) at regular intervals during the school year. State law allows the building principal to contact parent(s)/guardian(s) to attempt collection of the money owed when the amount owed is more than the amount of three lunches. If a parent/guardian regularly fails to provide meal money for the child(ren) that he/she is responsible for in the District and does not qualify for free meal benefits, the building principal or designee will direct the next course of action. Continual failure to provide meal money may require the District to notify the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and/or take legal steps to recover the unpaid meal charges, up to and including seeking an offset under the State Comptroller Act, if applicable. Should a delinquent account remain past the current school year, the delinquency will follow the student and be amended to the student’s subsequent year’s registration fees.

Nothing in this regulation precludes a parent’s right to apply for free and reduced lunch fees as outlined in 300:130.

LEGAL REF: Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-296)
 7 C.F.R. §245.5
 105 ILCS 123/, Hunger Free Students’ Bill of Rights Act
 23 Ill. Admin. Code Part 305, School Food Service

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