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White Pine Charter Schools

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Child Nutrition Meal Charges

The Board wishes to establish consistent meal account procedures. The school meal program is federally funded by reimbursement from meals sold and revenue collected from paid meals. In order to maintain the financial stability of the program, charging meals must be limited.

Therefore, this policy will:

- To ensure that all students have access to nutritious meals and that no child goes hungry.
- To treat all students with dignity and confidentiality in the serving line regarding meal accounts.
- To establish fair and consistent practices throughout the schools.
- To place the responsibility of meal payments on parents/guardians.

Responsibility for Meal Accounts

1. The Child Nutrition Department is responsible for maintaining student meal accounts and notifying the parent/guardian of negative balances.
2. Parents/Guardians are responsible for timely payment to student meal accounts as well as monitoring student accounts to ensure the balance does not fall below \$0.00

Delinquent or Uncollectible Accounts

1. All enrolled students will be allowed to charge a maximum \$50.00
 - a. Negative account balances of (\$50.00) per student and/or household account will be sent to Bonneville Collections (or designated debt collection agency used by the School).
2. At the end of the school year, unpaid balances may be sent to Bonneville Collections (or designated debt collection agency used by the School)
3. A la carte items **may not** be charged.
4. No other accounts will be allowed to charge.



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Parental Notification of the Policy

1. Annual notification of District policies for staff and/or parents/guardians will be made available on the District's webpage. It is the responsibility of staff and parents/guardians to read and become informed of the contents, requirements, and expectations of these policies.
2. Notification of the policy may be communicated to school social workers, school nurses, the homeless liaison, or other staff members who may assist students in need.
3. The District may also make this policy available in student handbooks, on the District website, or by other means deemed appropriate.

Charitable Assistance

1. The Child Nutrition Department may establish an account for donations for unpaid meal charges.
2. Account balances not requested within 30 days by students who withdraw or graduate from the school will be considered a donation and transferred to the Child Nutrition donation account.
3. Donations by individuals, groups, and businesses will be accepted.

Cross Reference:

Legal Reference: SP46-2016 Unpaid Meal Charges: Local Meal Charge Policies, United State Department of Agriculture
PL111-296 Sec 204 Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010