

Camden County School Meals Charge Procedure:

Camden County Schools are committed to making sure that our students are well nourished. We are feeding champions and educating our future leaders. Hunger should not become an obstacle on their journey to success. We are excited to feed our students with the National School Breakfast, National School Lunch, and After School Snack Program. The Provision 2 Breakfast Program allows us to serve breakfast for free to all students! Eating school meals helps to provide funding for schools and can lower your grocery bill at home. Students who bring lunch from home can supplement their meal with the "Lunch Box Buddy" option, which includes milk or juice, fresh fruits or vegetables, and entrée items.

The prices for lunch are listed in the chart below:

You can add money to your student's lunch account and view charges at www.myschoolbucks.com. The meal cost chart below can assist with budgeting for school meals to stay on track with payments. This means:

- An elementary child could pay \$1.95 a day, \$9.75 a week, \$39.00 a month, or \$351.00 to pay for the entire year of meals.
- A middle school child could pay \$2.10 a day, \$10.50 a week, \$42.00 a month or \$378 for the entire year of meals.
- A high schooler could pay \$2.35 a day, \$11.75 a week, \$47.00 a month or \$423.00 for an entire year of meals.

It is the responsibility of the family to maintain the child's school lunch account for school meals throughout the school year and maintain a positive balance. We understand that situations arise, and a child may not have funds for the day. If a family status change occurs through a major life event, notify the School Nutrition Program at any point in the year to discuss possible options. To ensure that students do not go hungry, but also to promote responsible student behavior and minimize the fiscal burden to the School Nutrition Program, the District will enforce the following:

- Students are expected to have no more than three charges.
- No a la carte items or adult meals will be allowed to be charged.

School Meal Cost Payment Chart for the Day, Week, Month and Year			
Time Frame	Elementary Lunch	Middle School Lunch	Ninth Grade Center/ High School Lunch
Day	\$1.95	\$2.10	\$2.35
Week	\$9.75	\$10.50	\$11.75
Month	\$39.00	\$42.00	\$47.00
Year	\$351.00	\$378.00	\$423.00

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **How will families be notified of low/negative balances?**

- Families will have access to their child's account several ways.
- 1. Parents can access their child's or children's account at www.myschoolbucks.com to view the balance and make payments for future meals. Emails and account alerts are also available.
- 2. The School Level School Nutrition Manager or the Central Office Staff can assist with balance information and help connect them to a payment method. The SNP Central office number is 912-729-8340.
- Negative balances are considered bad debt and are unable to be carried over to the next school year and must be paid off.
- **Are children allowed to charge a meal?**
 - All meals should be paid for in advance or at the point of sale the day the meal is served. In the event a student does not have funds due to an emergency or unforeseen circumstance, the child will be fed. Payment for the meal is the responsibility of the parent or guardian. If payment is a challenge, please complete a Free and Reduced Lunch form. If a payment plan is necessary, the on-site school nutrition manager or the Central SNP office can assist the family.
- **What are the consequences for failing to repay a debt?**
 - Failure to pay the negative student lunch debt will result in receiving emails, printed letters and calls home.
 - If there is no response, guidance or administration will be notified to reach out to the parent and to help the family if resources are needed.
 - School Meal Debt will be added to their Fines List until paid.
- **Are resources available to children with an unpaid balance?**
 - Yes, the child will receive a nutritious meal to help them to be successful academically, reduce behavior disruptions, or the child becoming ill from not eating.
 - Resources such as the free & reduced lunch form, myschoolbucks.com payment app information, and other resources will be provided to the parent or guardians by guidance or administration.