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Charging School Meals

All schools in the district participate in the Community Eligibility Provision option of the USDA's Food and Nutrition Services. This allows the district to provide free meals to all students in the district. Each student receives once meal per day per program (e.g., breakfast, lunch). If students wish to purchase additional meals or other food items, they must pay for those items at the time of the sale. The district does not permit charging to accounts for such "a la carte" items if students do not have funds available.

At the sole discretion of the Superintendent of Schools, students who have outstanding charges at the end of the school year may not be permitted to participate in the following activities as applicable:

- Graduation Ceremony or Moving Up Ceremony or any other public ceremony marking the end of the student s time in a particular school.
- Junior/Senior Prom
- End of school year dance
- Receive a High School parking pass
- Purchase a yearbook or any other memory or class book sold to students at the end of the school year

Staff
Staff members are allowed to purchase food from the District's food services. However, all purchases must be on a cash basis. Staff members will not be allowed to charge meals to be repaid later.

Ref:
42 USC §1779(Child Nutrition Act of 1966)
42 USC §§1758(f)(1); 1766(a) (National School Lunch Act)
2 CFR §200.426 (accounting for debt in federal programs)
7 CFR §§210.9 210.12; 210.19; 220.13; 245.5 (accounting in federal school meal programs)
Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (Public Law 111-296), §143
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