



Modesto City Schools Nutrition Services Student Meal Charge Policy

Modesto City Schools' Nutrition Services Department encourages prepayments on student meals. Prepayments can be made at the cafeteria daily or online through the electronic payment system, PayPams. PayPams is accessible any time, day or night, and offers flexible payment options such as Visa, MasterCard, Discover and Paypal. Payments are processed within 24-48 hours. PayPams offers many features including low balance alerts, automatic payments, account balance reports and purchase history reports. Visit mcsnutrition.org for more information.

Low Balance

1. Cafeteria staff will provide verbal reminders when a student has charged a meal.
2. Cafeteria staff will provide verbal reminders when a student has a low balance.

Negative Balance

1. Cafeteria staff will provide verbal reminders when a student has a negative balance.
2. A letter addressing insufficient funds may be mailed home to the parent/guardian.
3. The parent/guardian will receive a notification phone call.
4. When a student has charged the value of three (3) full-priced lunches or more, the cafeteria staff will notify the principal to assist in the collection process.
5. A student will be allowed to charge up to the value of five (5) full-priced lunches.

The Nutrition Services department works with families to establish long-term repayment plans if the need arises. Families are encouraged to complete an application for free or reduced priced meal benefits anytime during the school year if they find their personal income situation has changed.

If you have questions regarding these procedures, please contact Nutrition Services at (209) 574-1619.