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# Food Service Meal Account Policy

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The Brentwood Union School District Food Service Department has created the following unpaid food service account balance policy to comply with SB 265: Child Hunger Prevention and Fair Treatment Act of 2017. SB 265 amended Section 49557.5(b)(1) of the California *Education Code (EC)* stating that a pupil whose parent or guardian has unpaid meal charges is not to be shamed, treated differently, or denied a reimbursable meal of the pupils choice because of the fact that the pupil's parent or guardian has unpaid meal fees, and shall ensure that the pupil is not shamed or treated differently from other pupils. A child who has unpaid meal charges, is to be served a reimbursable meal of their choice throughout the school year regardless of the level of debt incurred by the household.

- Students eligible for Free or Reduced Priced SBP & NSLP are free of charge for **one breakfast** and **one lunch** per day.
- All students have a meal account. Parents are responsible for all charged meals. Accounts can be monitored on Q ParentConnection. Pre-payment is encouraged.
- Students at the Paid rate are allowed to hold a negative account balance and continue to receive one reimbursable breakfast and one reimbursable lunch daily.
- Parents who do not allow their student to charge, will be required to sign the 'Request for Restricted Use of Student Meal Account' form located on the Food Service webpage under Parent Forms. The department will then place an alert on students account. If the student comes to the café with this alert and has no balance, the student will be turned away.
- Students without adequate funds on account will be refused a la carte items or additional meals (greater than one breakfast and one lunch per day).
- In order to collect funds, all families with a negative food service account balance will receive daily automated phone calls, text message and emails during the school year. In person follow up calls will be made to parent/guardian to discuss payment and to encourage a meal application to be completed.
- Mailed notices will be sent to families with negative balance of -\$20.00 or greater with attached application for meal application on a monthly basis.
- "Hungry Tummy" accounts are set up for each school site and donations encouraged. All donations will help cover the unpaid meal charges accrued though out the school year.